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Teachers and nurses win big bonuses

By Anthony Bevins and Diane Coyle

TOP-PERFORMING teachers and nurses could get pay increases nearly double the norm 2-3 per cent at which public-sec- front-line staff who take on adnext year in a move that over- tor pay deals have been allowed ditional responsibilities. turns existing public-sector pay

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The move is aimed at re- see national scales changed. warding those such as career

also likely candidates. The plans, has pulled so far ahead. But with 4-5 per cent compared with the to run. This is likely to cause

The Treasury's comprehen-

next spring, could see such in- the question because of limits on dividuals getting rises of about public expenditure, higher settlements will be concentrated on

However, Treasury officials might be pulling far enough nurses and teachers working in sive spending review due next ahead to torpedo the Chanceldemanding conditions in the month recognises that a public-lor's attempt to balance tough jealousy of colleagues. inner cities. Heads who have sector pay catch-up is inevitable overall spending control with turned around failing schools are now private-sector wage growth pay awards for key departments.

staff will enjoy the bigger increases. Nor are details of how these will be implemented likely to emerge until after next public-sector employees. month's announcement of the broad outlines. Also, in White-

confidential, to avoid exciting the

vants, individual awards remain

This uncertainty means it is twice as fast as those in the pub-exceed its investment spending. erument's public spending limlikely to be implemented from big rises across the board out of not yet clear how many front-line lic sector. In the 12 months to March, average private-sector pay rose by 6 per cent compared with just under 3 per cent for

> The Chancellor will use the announcement to make clear his earnings in the private sector scheme for top-flight civil ser- nances: a commitment to a small surplus of revenues over al secretary of the public services spending for the next three fi- union Unison, said: "We were nancial years, consistent with Latest figures show that pri- the "golden rule" that the Gov- for two years, and two years only.

Confirmation by the Prime its would be followed. "This year public-service pay Minister's spokesman that the "Iron Chancellor" would main-

repayment through to the next election prompted protests from anger among unions reluctant to are seriously concerned that half's existing "performance pay" rules for prudent public fi- unions and Liberal Democrats. for the sake of it. They want a Rodney Bickerstaffe, gener-

given the clear impression that

increased by only 2.6 per cent tain his disciplined line on spendcompared to 5.6 per cent in priing, borrowing and debt vate companies. They don't al Democrats' economics adviswant massive pay levels or huge numbers of extra jobs created decent day's pay for a decent day's work and the means to be wrong, Labour's reputation for able to carry on providing quality services to the public."

Mr Blair's spokesman disvate-sector earnings are rising erument's borrowing must not the straitjacket of the last Gov-missed a Liberal Democrat prudence at any price."

charge that the Chancellor was building a £50bn war chest to finance a spending spree in ad-

vance of the next election. But David Laws, the Liberer, said: "This seems like fiscal flagellation, bringing us surpluses for the sake of it." He said that if Mr Brown got his plans caring public services could be irreparably damaged. "This seems to be ... an obsession with

Widdecombe leads return of the Tories' old guard

By Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

ANN WIDDECOMBE was yesterday promoted to the hopes in the opinion polls. Shadow Cabinet by William

back in touch with ordinary ow health secretary. people.

of producing a hard-hitting mons. right-of-centre manifesto for the next election.

The Liss Widdecombe, a former five a Tory Party, has learnt to

nokesman, voluntarily bowed

Speaking to The Indepen-Hague with the brief of putting dent, she made it plain she Widdecombe's office after the some bite into the opposition does not intend to tone down news broke of her appointattack and bringing the Tories her anti-abortion views as shad-

the Euro-sceptic right, the Tory Health, on rising record waiting leader gave Peter Lilley the rank lists - and will be starting today of deputy leader with the task at Question Time in the Com-

more of a moral crusade in sceptic Francis Maude, while stand will not be in any way di-Brian Mawhinney, the shadow minished. The party itself has alforrell, the education a free vote: as a matter of conscience. But my personal views are not for changing."

Teenage pregnancies - also Ins minister who was once at record levels - are a moral

live with tabloid jibes, but Mr fundamental in putting things in Hague is counting on her abil- a moral context and saying ity to speak for the gut in- there really are a lot of consestincts of the grass roots of the quences to having children so Tory Party to revive his party's young; not least is the lost youth of the individual."

One of the first calls to Miss ment was from the Catholic Herald. She converted to

She said she will be focusing Catholicism in protest at the or-In a wide-ranging reshuffle, on attacking Frank Dobson, dination of women in the which consolidated the hold of the the Secretary of State for Church of England, and is a committed opponent of abortion.

Labour sources said last night that her robust views on But she will be driving much abortion and capital punishment, which have made her a cellor post was taken by Euro- John Maples. "My personal BBC Question Time, would rebound on the Tories. Miss Michael Howard with a devas- of Calcutta on Sunday night Widdecombe said she wanted Home Secretary, and Stephen ways regarded it as a matter for to attack Labour failures. "I don't want headlines about Widdecombe and abortion,"

she said. In the past, Miss Widdecombe's main victim has been karlibed as the Doris Karloff and social issue, she believes. on her own side - she sabotaged



His former shadow Chan- health than her predecessor regular on panel shows such as Ann Widdecombe: 'Suddenly my waist wobbled. It was the pager saying ring the leader's office'

in which she described her former boss as having "something

of the night about him". Was she changing her views about Mr Howard? "That was last year," she said.

"We need to be much more the leadership ambitions of rial service for Mother Teresa day. She was offered health, and

tating assault in the Commons, when her pager went off. "Suddenly my waist wobbled. It was the pager saying ring the

leader's office." She politely told Mr Hague that she was due to give awards out to the blind, and arranged She was leaving the memo- to meet him at 8.30am yester-

she took it with both hands. "He gave me the brief and said he wanted to make sure that we got over Tory policies; that we showed up the holes in Labour policy; that we listened and thought and came up with

ideas for next time." Sharp right turn, page i0 Leading article, page 20

izzy drinks destroyed in benzene scare

w Glenda Cooper

Unsumer Affairs Correspondent

MILLIONS of fizzy drink cans nd bottles of sparkling minerwater were swept off superirket shelves vesterday after emicals were found in certain

ca Cola, Tango and Pepsi re pulled after traces of the cinogen benzenc was found arbon dioxide supplies. Bot- Organisation guidelines. of sparkling Malvern min-

sparkling water sold both as an were also removed.

water were found to contain up

Other companies were

individual brand and as an own- taking the issue seriously in label water in supermarkets, the interests of customer confidence.

Benzene is a man-made ...th levels of cancer-causing awaiting tests to see if their chemical known to be highly products would also be positive. dangerous and at the same time The scare was sparked on ubiquitous in the environment. Well-known brands such as Friday after some samples of In 1990 Perrier withdrew 160 million bottles after finding fion, twice the World Health parts per billion in 13 bottles.

but companies said they were British Soft Drink Association spokeswoman said it was "too ly informed.

early to tell" the complete cost. The contamination has been linked to carbon dioxide made Nitrogen, and distributed to a number of companies. A spokesman said yesterday: "We have advised our clients not to to 20 parts of benzene in 1 mil- traces of benzene at up to 22 transfer any CO2 from Severnside [the plant] to the food

eral water made by Coca Cola virtually no health risk attached and £3m. The Perrier scare tomers and Maff [Ministry of drew 2.5 million of its 330ml Schweppes, and Brecon Carreg to drinking the polluted drink cost that company \$150m. A Agriculture, Fisheries and Food] who are being kept ful-

> "There is a negligible risk to the public," he added. "We believe this is a quality not a health by a West Country plant, Terra issue. We have launched a comprehensive inquiry to establish the cause of the problem."

The association said it had been alerted to the contamination problem at the end of last week and had contacted all its

canned drinks - two days' worth of production as a precaution-

ary measure. . Coca Cola Schweppes said "limited quantities" of its products were being withdrawn. Brecon Natural Mineral Wa-

ter said the batch concerned was

bottled between 15 and 27 May. A spokeswoman for Maff said: "The amount of benzene you absorb from traffic fumes is about the equivalent of drinking 40 litres of the most conta-



In brief

":PS under fire

to MAJOR overhaul of the is own Prosecution Service is foeded to stop so many cases bring dropped before they get st court, an official report ncluded yesterday. The too du CPS lawyers spend less tom a third of their time on



By Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

WHO said sex, drugs and God nation has made the Church of England feel like a million pounds.

The Church Commissioners' last year, has since doubled in

This weekend the commis-

body making a mint from a sex are among the major investdrug. The black-market sale of ments, along with other comthe blue pills to healthy men in don't mix? The potent combi- other countries who want to im- from campaigning groups. prove their sex lives simply un-

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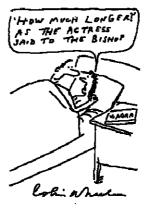
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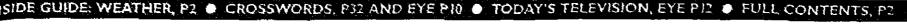
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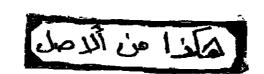
derlined how good Britain's in GEC and GKN, both of environmental protests, as well regulatory system was, he added. which have major defence arms, However, the Church in- were worth a total of £25.7m in stake in the manufacturer of the vestors are likely to face more December 1997, Stakes in Monanti-impotence drug Viagra, serious questions about some of santo, Zeneca and Novartis, on indigenous tribes' land worth around £1m at the end of the other names on a list of their all of which are developing modified crops, were jointly worth £36.7m compared with Two arms manufacturers and £27.4m at the end of 1996. sioners' spokesman saw no three major developers of ge- Since the list was compiled, the ing countries.

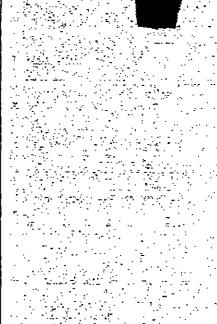
commissioners have sold their £1.3m stake in Monsanto, citing commercial reasons.

cluded £66m in BP and £67m in The Commissioners' shares Shell, both of which have faced as £11m in Rio Tinto Zinc, a mining company which has been targeted by campaigners rights. The commissioners also held £2.7m in Nestlé, which has been criticised in the past for sales of baby milk to develop-













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CPS to go **American** in major overhaul

By Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

A MAJOR overhaul of the "over centralised and bureaucratic" Crown Prosecution Service is needed to stop so many cases being dropped before they get to court, an official report concluded yesterday.

The CPS is so badly organised that its top 400 lawyers spend less than a third of their time on casework and in court, the study also found.

Local American-style district attorneys are to take control of crime cases in a radical shakeup of the prosecution service.

The proposals for widescale changes follow an 11-month inquiry into the CPS which criticised the organisation for being bogged down by bureaucracy and failing in its principle aim of providing an effective and efficient prosecution system.

Sir lain Glidewell's report concluded: "Our assessment of the CPS is that it has the potential to become a lively, successful and esteemed part of the criminal justice system, but that, sadly, none of these adjectives applied to the service as a whole at present."

Sir Iain said it was "clearly a matter for concern" that one in eight suspects charged by police later had their cases thrown out by the CPS. The figure rose to 29 per cent in assaults and nearly a fifth in fraud and forgery cases, but just one in a hundred for motoring offences.

Sir Iain, a former Appeal Court judge, said there "may be some validity" in claims that the CPS tends to "discontinue cases which might be judged as borderline in an effort to ease the pressures on a hard-pressed

There was also concern that more than half the cases that fail in court do so because judges, rather than juries, acquit the defendant. This is often due to problems or errors made with

1986, needed to switch its attention from dealing with the huge number of relatively minor cases in magistrates' courts to serious crime handled in Crown Courts.

Among the key changes already agreed is the decentralisation of the service into 42 areas, one to match each police force area in England and Wales. Each area will be headed by a new Chief Crown Prosecutor with responsibility for prosecutions. The prosecutors will deal as an equal with chief

constables and judges. The critical tone of the report is widely believed to have prompted Dame Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions and head of the CPS, to announce her retirement 11 days ago despite having a year left of her contract.

Although the report does not overtly attack Dame Barbara, who took up her job in 1992, it says the CPS became "too centralised and bureaucratic" since 1993.

A successor for the £110,000-a-year job is to be appointed in the autumn. In the meantime the role has been split and a new post of chief executive, has been created.

Mark Addison, 47, a career civil servant at the Cabinet Office, was yesterday named as the first holder of the post.

Among the other key proposals are:

A new joint CPS-police "Criminal Justice Units" to take over the prosecution of a case immediately after the police charge the defendant.

■ An enhanced Central Casework section to deal with serious cases such as terrorism and police corruption, which has been criticised for being badly run.

■ The setting up of five or six regional units and a headquarters team to deal with Special Casework, such as serious organised crime, international fraud, and City corruption.

The Attorney General John Morris, yesterday welcomed the report which he said "proposes a radical and far-reaching reorganisation of the CPS."

The reaction from lawyers, The CPS, established in CPS staff, and the police towards the proposed reforms was generally positive, although there were warnings about the Service losing its independence from the police.

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Members of the Rambiers' Association protesting yesterday against signs barring access to Ranmore Common in Surrey Photograph: Tom Pilston

Girl, 12, abducted, killed and burned

By Diana Blamires

A 12-YEAR-OLD girl was abducted and murdered at the weekend by a killer who set fire to her body. The remains of Lauren Carhart were found on wasteland behind a garage in the Crumpsall area of Manchester.

Detectives believe she may have been kidnapped as she walked home from a nearby tram stop after spending the day in the city.

Police were last night interviewing a man in connection with the murder but he has not been arrested

Lauren, who was a pupil at Abraham Moss High School, was reported missing in the early hours of yesterday when she failed to return from central Manchester.

Four hours earlier, at 9pm, the fire brigade was called to a blaze on Moss Bank, Crumpsall, which they thought was burning rubbish. As the flames died down they found the body.

It is understood police discovered clothing and jewellery belonging to Lauren at the

A post-mortem examination was held yesterday but the results were not released. It is understood the body was so badly burnt that formal identification would only be possible through dental records.

However, residents in the street where Lauren lived named her as the young victim. One neighbour, Carol Pow-

er, said: "She was such a lovely little girl and very, very pleasant to have around. "My grandson was often out playing with her and I

know she was as good as gold. The family are absolutely dev-

Another neighbour said of Lauren: "You used to see her around quite a lot and she had

think they may have split up quite recently.

"I've got kids myself and when I heard how it might have happened, on the way back from the tram, I thought there but for the grace of God. I'm sure her mum Jill will be in

Another local resident, who came to lay flowers said: "We have got five daughters and it really scares me to think something like this could happen.

Only last week a man tried to coax my nine-year-old away from her playmates just up the road. And it makes me shiver

a 16-year-old boyfriend, but I to think it could have been her they found this morning."

Garage owner Kenneth Williams, 62, said: "I got a telephone call from the police last night saying that a body had been found and would I open the garage so they could get access to the back."

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Yesterday, flowers were laid outside the garage, MBM Motors, and it was sealed off as police forensic teams examined the wasteland behind.

A small piece of parkland next door and an embankment on the tram line which runs alongside were also painstak-

Football coach who abused boys is jailed for nine years

ing guilty to sex offences.

Barry Bennell, 44, once employed by Crewe Alexandra and who had a close association with Stoke City and Manchester City in the 1980s, pleaded guilty to 23 specimen charges at

jailed for nine years after plead- talent-spotted boys aged nine to fences took place. 14 around the North-west and Midlands before selecting them for junior football teams which he ran in Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire.

He would then invite them to stay with him at his home or Crewe Alexandra and Man-

used his position of trust to prey was told that over a period locations including North Wales one of the offences had taken sexual experience was nil. You on young boys was yesterday spanning 1978 to 1992, Bennell and Spain, where the sex of place on a training pitch at had access to well known foot-

prosecution, told the court that Bennell would take the boys into his trust by offering them the chance of training with his teams but also on occasion at

Alex Carlile QC, for the in the home of the club's manager. Dario Gradi.

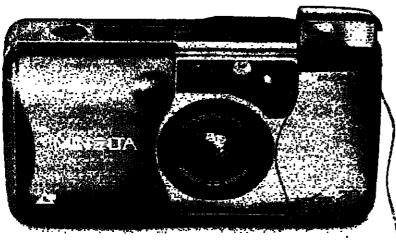
On sentencing Bennell, Judge Huw Daniel, told him: "You are a paedophile, that is not in doubt.

"You prayed on adolescent

A FOOTBALL coach who Chester Crown Court. The court take them on tours to various chester City. Mr Carlile said that and pre-adolescent boys whose Crewe football club and another ball clubs, football clothing and things of that kind.

You could pinpoint young boys in the right direction and help them with their careers and wishes to become successful footballers. They were prepared to do almost anything you asked."





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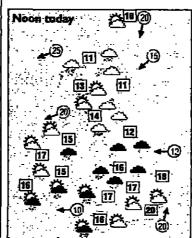
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Scottand will be cool and mainly cloudy with the best of any sunny spells in the west. There will be a will break out in the far south this afternoon. Northern Ireland will be bright but breezy with a risk of rain tate in the day. Wates and northern England will be rather cloudy with heavy rain moving northwards. Meanwhile overnight rain will clear southern England to leave a mix of sunny spells and scattered showers.

Outlook for the next few days England and Wales will be cloudy with further showers tornorrow. Scotland will be mainly dry but very cool with cloud lingering in the east, but western parts should see good surny spells. Much of the country will be dry with decent sunny spells on Thursday, but one or two showers are likely across central England later in the day. Heavy rain will push north early on Friday. reaching southern Scotland by the end of the day.

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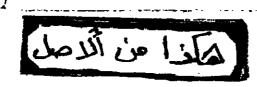
WEATHER satellite technology is improving rapidly. Yesterday this column featured a new orbiting instrument that has provided a mine of valuable information about thunderstorms. Now, a report in this week's edition of New Scientist magazine shows how rain and flood forecasts will be made much easier from now on thanks to yet another ingenious weather station spying on the clouds far below.

By measuring humidity levels within clouds, the Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit, built by the Anglo-French aerospace firm Matra Marconi for the Met Office, forecasters will have a much better idea if, when and where a downpour is likely to occur, and in what intensity. Up to now, the Met Office, which provides weather forecasts for the national media, has relied on data sent in by weather ships and land radar stations, but the new satellite will give global coverage. Satellites have been able to measure cloud cover for some time, but this is the first instrument that is able to peer inside clouds and get a picture of its internal temperature and humidity levels - essential if you want to know if the cloud is capable of generating a downpour.

Next month, the satellite will start feeding data to the Met Office; by the end of the year, full use of the data will be made as the figures are fed into the Met Office's forecasting computer model. Will this mean more accurate forewhers urged to g

casts after the evening news? Almost certainly, yes. People are still very sceptical about the predictions supplied by the Met Office and others, often citing Michael Fish's unfortunate assertion in October 1987 that no hurricane was on the way. In fact, up to about five days, forecasts are usually bang on the money. The challenge is now to extend this accuracy to the long range forecast.





Who's backing who: an insider's guide to the rival wings of New Labour

Over wine and canapes at No.11, Gordon Brown is quietly building his own power base. So who is in his inner circle? By Fran Abrams

AS THE wine flowed at the party leadership. If Mr Brown reception at Number 11 Downing Street, it was time for one one based on the premise that Labour backbencher to take leave of his host.

told the Chancellor of the Exchequer."The Labour Party? It the minds of party members. was, wasn't it?" Brown replied

The suggestion that anyone could put so much as a Rizla between Mr Brown and Tony Blair draws loud protests from the spin-doctors. Indeed, such a report in The Independent yesterday - referring to old Labour tones in a welfare policy paper produced by the Chancellor merited instant rebuttal by Alastair Campbell, the Blair's spokesman, and Charlie Whe-

lan, the Chancellor's man. Brown trying to build a base on the left of the party, they said. While the suggestion that the Chancellor and Prime Minister are at loggerheads would be quite wrong, a certain amount of quiet flesh-pressing has certainly been going on in and around Mr Brown's residence.

The "Iron Chancellor" who stuck to Tory tax and spending plans may not generally be regarded as a left-winger, but he is unobtrusively building up support on that wing.

The reception attended by our friendly MP was not a oneoff. There have been other events for backbenchers, a champagne evening for political editors and their wives just a Labour peers.

More intriguingly, though, there has also been a series of drinks receptions for party members from each region of the country. Mr Brown would stoutly deny allegations of empire-building, and his spokesman said the parties were held at the request of the party's Millbank headquarters. But it seems he paid for the drinks himself. The exercise if such it is - is a subtle one, but steadily the "old" wing of the grass-roots Labour Party are be-

ing wooed. There is no suggestion, of

has a game, it must be a long even the most impregnable leader cannot last forever. But "Lovely party, Gordon," he little things keep happening which raise question-marks in

> Trades union leaders report that the Chancellor's attitude to them is commendably warm these days. While there are many political tensions, there is also an open door in Number 11. In fact a TUC delegation will meet Mr Brown today to talk about welfare spending.

The unions have responded in kind. "Gordon has that gut instinct that when people are being screwed they deserve There was no question of Mr representation. That's not something Blair feels at all, but Gordon comes from that stock," one trade union source said admiringly.

There was a little flurry of diary items earlier this year when Mr Brown turned up at the Transport and General Workers' Union's 75th anniversary. Mr Blair sent a video offering congratulations, but the Chancellor was there in person and made a speech. He was a trade unionist at heart, he told the assembled company.

The Prime Minister meets the TUC regularly, of course, but the Chancellor is careful in his cultivation of its members.

Within Parliament, the Gordon Brown effect has also been week ago and drinks for noticeable. Some observers now claim that the Chancellor has an ally in every government department. One of the closest must be Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. "The DTI is really just a wing of the Treasury these

days," one observer claimed. Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, used to be Paul Routledge. The book thought to be closest to Tony Blair, but these days many commentators place her in the Brown "camp". Rumours that she may be demoted in a forthcoming reshuffle may have been fuelled by this supposition.

Nick Brown, the Governcourse, that the Chancellor is ment Chief Whip, is generally regarded as a good friend of the thinking of challenging for the

Brown's camp



Seneral Secretary of the TUC,















Chancellor. He was named as been sealed at the Granita a main source for much of the restaurant in Islington. At the Department for Edinformation in a new biography of Gordon Brown, written by ucation and Employment there

the former Independent on is Andrew Smith, who had an Sunday political correspondent in the MPs' office block at claimed the Chancellor was Number Seven Millbank until still bitter at the result of the about six months before last 1994 succession to John Smith. year's General Election. The Foreign Office minister Doug The biography revealed that Mr Brown harboured ambitions Henderson is thought to be

to run for the leadership himclose to Mr Brown. self. But he was out-manoevred In the Scottish Office, Donby Tony Blair's early campaign ald Dewar remains friendly with the Chancellor, although and eventually agreed to stand aside - a deal said to be have most observers say he is too in-

dependent to be a full member are some doubts, too, about the defence minister John Reid, formerly regarded as a friend office next door to Mr Brown's of the Chancellor's but recently locked in battle with

> Tony Blair still has the wholehearted support of his entire Cabinet, of course. It is just that in some cases that support is more wholehearted than in others. Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor, was head of Mr Blair's chambers when he

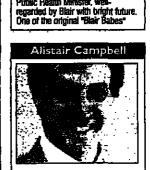
the Treasury over spending on

Blair's circle















was a trainee barrister and is of anyone's entourage. There still regarded as one of his closest confidantes. Likewise Peter Mandelson, the Minister Without Portfolio, who was behind the Prime Minister's leadership campaign and who is loathed by many in the Labour Party as a power behind

the throne. Both Jack Straw and Mo Mowlam are admired by Mr Blair, Straw for his enthusiastic carrying of the "Tough on Crime" torch at the Home Office and Mowlam for her handling of the Northern Ireland

More junior ministers who are well liked by Number 10 include Stephen Byers at education, Alan Milburn and advisers, Sue Nye. Tessa Jowell at health and Ahm Michael at the Home Office.

While both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor see businessmen regularly, some are closer to one than to the other. Sir Colin Marshall, the outgoing president of the Confederation of British Industry, has easy access to Mr Blair as does the British Airways chief

Mr Brown is known to admire Gavyn Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs and husband of one of his

Whether or not Mr Brown is seeking the support of the left, he certainly cannot rely on it. Ken Livingstone wrote: "There seems to be nothing in Gordon's life other than the inexorable rise up the ladder of the Labour aristocracy. In Denis Healey's memorable phrase, there is no hinterland, nothing to fall back on if the grand project fails."

Wine buffs swallow mix of milk, water and plonk in the name of £30 vintage

€@ By John Lichfield in Pans

> THE Margaux 1995, from the Chateau-Giscours. may go down as one of the highestpriced bottles of milk ever sold. And not just milk.

According to a criminal investigation under way in the Bordeaux area, almost 200,000 bottles of the chateau's 1995 second string vintage - worth £30 or more in the shops - were doctored with milk, water and fruit acids and adulterated with a cheaper, local red wine.

Several employees of the chateau - one of the best respected names in the Mar- Le Monde, the Dutch million-



The Margeaux label whose wine had hidden extras

vineyards - have been placed under formal examination for fraud.

According to the newspaper

Albada-Jeigersma, has also face criminal charges. In an interview with the newspaper yesterday, a former director of wine-making at the chateau admitted that he had improved and increased the domaine's 1995 Margaux by mixing it with cheaper wine from a vineyard over the road. Jean-Michel Ferrandez said he knew this was illegal but he said "lots of people do it".

Such blends utterly defeat the principle of Appellation Controlée - restrictions based on the recognised qualities of vineyards - upon which all French wine-making is based.

also examining evidence, drawn been questioned and may also from the chateau's own carefully-kept records, that the domaine's 1995 Margaux was doctored in other ways: with milk (to improve the scent or bouquet), water (to increase quantity) and acids (to improve the taste).

The allegations will send shock waves through the French wine industry. There have been similar scandals from time to time, but none since the 1970s involving one of the top names in Bordeaux.

The premier product from the Chateau-Giscours is a Grand Cru Classé - in other words it is classified as one of gaux area of the Bordeaux aire who runs the chateau. Eric The judicial investigation is the very best wines of Bordeaux, world's finest wines.

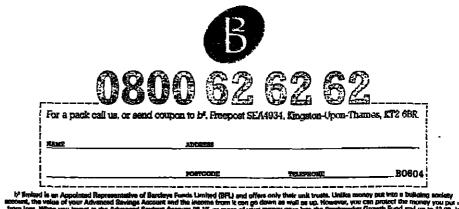
the allegations is the chateau's second grade wine - a still highly-respected, and highlypriced product, which is labelled as Margaux, Mise en Bouteille

à Chateau-Giscours. The allegation will add to criticism of the organisation which is supposed to police the quality of French wines, the Institut National des Appellations Controlées (INAO).

The INAO has been accused of sometimes allowing inferior wines to be sold under its control, undermining the whole concept of graded wine-growing localities (terroirs) upon which France lays claim to make the

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Workers urged to give hour's pay to help children

By Glenda Cooper Consumer Affairs Correspondent

THE ENTIRE British workforce should donate an hour's isers believe more than 60 per earnings to "create a better fu- cent of the public would be willture for children", a new

scheme urged yesterday. pledging to give his final hour's nium events, which will include sure his fellow Cabinet minis-

cash for children's charities. The Children's Promise Spencer as part of the national millennium celebrations,

for charities, including Barnar- to do likewise. The store chain do's, ChildLine, the Children's Society, NCH Action for Children and the NSPCC. Organing to take part in the scheme.

The campaign was launched The Prime Minister, Tony yesterday as part of M&S's Blair, yesterday joined in by £12m sponsorship for millen- his final hour's salary and was earnings of the millennium to supporting a "National Identi-(the project which will raise ty Zone" inside the Dome.

The M&S chairman, Sir Richard Greenbury, said he Campaign, set up by Marks & would be giving his last hour's be making a donation of "a coucornings to the fund and encouraging members of staff,

will set up a way for employees to make their contributions directly through the company's payroll system.

The Minister without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson, who helped faunch the scheme also said he would be contributing ters would need no encouragement to do likewise.

Downing Street spokesman said Mr Blair would ple of hundred pounds" - more than an hourly rate for his job.

though the Prime Minister takes significantly less than his entitlement.

Richard Greenbury, is likely to put him in the shade with an estimated donation of £450, based on his 1997 earnings – although staff said his final amount could be even higher as he was giving the project his full personal

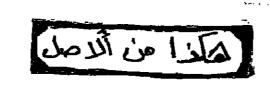
enough to give a portion of their gross salary and said if compa-events. hopes to raise more than £100m customers and other companies. His current salary is £105,173, people could make tax-effi- campaign; call 0870 607 1999.

cient contributions. The initiative makes M&S

the fifth "founding partner" However, M&S boss Sir company to invest £12m in the Dome and millennium celebrations - including BT, BSkyB, Manpower and Tesco. Jennie Page, chief executive

of the New Millennium Experience Company, said Marks & Spencer's £12m pledge brought the total sponsorship raised so Organisers said they hoped far to £87m, out of the £150m people would feel generous needed to hit the £758m budget for the Dome and Festival

nies arranged for payments to A helpline has been set up to ofbe deducted direct from payrolls fer more information about the



Executive accuses flagship council of sexism

THE CHIEF executive of a ually discriminated against his deputy said yesterday that she claiming sex discrimination, was the one who "undermined saying Mr Bundred tried to and intimidated" women officers and referred to them as "Stepford Wives".

Amanda Kelly.

force her out of the council.

At an industrial tribunal in central London, Mr Bundred marks about members. Stephen Bundred, head of said Mrs Kelly had shown dis-Camden council, in north Lon- interest in her job and had been proper respect to officers." don, denied he bullied and hu- aggressive and threatening tomiliated deputy chief executive wards him and her colleagues.

He told the tribunal how she during regular meetings and ap-

Labour council acrused of sex- cated solicitor who joined the at the council were "robotic and council in November 1993, is docile" like the women portrayed in the film The Stepford

> He said: "In e-mail she made frequent and unflattering re-"I told her she should give

Mr Bundred said he had acted properly with Mrs Kelly

Mrs Kelly, an Oxford-edu- said top ranking female officers praisals but found her attitude year, he expressed his dissatisand responses showed disin-

> He said: "I had high regard for her abilities as a no-nonsense months' money then I would manager and I had confidence go." in her as a responsible manager. But my view was tempered by serious doubts about her judge-

male colleague. The tribunal heard how, in an appraisal given by Mr Bundred of Mrs Kelly in April last

faction with her attitude.

He said Mrs Kelly replied: "You should give me six

Mrs Kelly had previously told the tribunal that the council's "aggressive male culture" led to her being groped by a

She said the prevalent "misogynist atmosphere" led a

senior colleague to approach her on the terrace of a hotel where she had been attending her of gross misconduct and ina strategy meeting.

She claimed the man was extremely drunk and started to molest her, stroking her upper body, breast and right leg. She wanted to complain af-

ter the incident in July 1994 but was told to keep it secret by the her. chief of personnel.

When the tribunal opened aided Camden as one of the

unfounded allegations against government. competence. She said this was an example of the "glass ceiling

Mrs Kelly said that men who were junior to her were allowed more responsibility than

The Prime Minister has her-

she said Mr Bundred claimed New Labour flagships of local

Yesterday Mr Bundred denied all the allegations presented by Mrs Kelly and insisted she was never undermined by of chauvinism which she and

other female employees faced. male colleagues or himself. He said: "I did not treat her as my assistant and none of the members present thought I had done so. But she was of the view that I had."

The tribunal continues today,

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Couch potato fear of digital television age

By Janine Gibson Media Correspondent

WOMEN'S fears that hundreds of new TV channels will turn toes could cause the coming digital TV revolution to flop. according to a new survey.

In most households, women are the "gate-keepers" of multi- a month for digital TV. channel television. Generally less enthusiastic about digital television, women hold back demand and persuade men and children against digital TV, the study has found.

The research, commissioned by airtime-buying agency Western International Media, suggests multi-channel television has a limited appeal to viewers.

One woman told a focus group: "For the cost of multichannel television, I can have private healthcare for my children." The groups also found that multi-channel television has a

cable and satellite, and is seen as encouraging the "couch potato". Thanks to women's attitudes, more than half of viewers have given the thumbs down

to digital television. In all, 53 per cent did not want more television, although interest was higher among those subscribing to cable or satellite television, with around threequarters (72 per cent) looking

forward to more channels. The research discovered that

cable or satellite were far more receptive to the idea of spending money on more channels. But those who receive only the five terrestrial channels were their families into couch pota- concerned about the rising cost of television entertainment.

Almost nine out of ten terrestrial-only viewers said they would not pay £20 or more

Based on a full take-up of the digital options, the survey estimates the cost to the viewer will be between £600 and £900.

Willing consumers face an initial cost of £200 to £300 to buy the set-top-box needed to receive the digital signals. Another £200 to £400 per year should cover the subscription to the Sky package, but the "video on demand" options for movies will cost another £100 a year or so in pay-per-view fees. Viewers will still have to pay the BBC licence fee, currently £97.50.

Yesterday's research appears negative image, due to current to confirm industry fears that multi-channel television subscription has reached saturation point in the UK.

Concern about the launch of both digital satellite and digital terrestrial television has centred on whether the programming offered to viewers will drive sales of the set-top-box.

Sky, for example, had pinned its hopes on pay-perview football, but last week the Premier League rejected a plan to launch a trial pay-per-view those who already subscribe to scheme from September.



Chris Perry, a technician, on a locomotive at the Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum which has been sold for £7.5m to make way for new shops

Shops replace ships as maritime history goes west

days in a museum. But now the forexhibits at the Welsh Maritime and Ining hull will be scrapped. dustrial Museum are losing their

home to a shopping centre.

SHE survived the Second World War, an estimated £7.5m. The priceless colhauling convoy ships that had outrun lection from Wales's industrial past will the U-boats into port, and ended her now be stored or loaned to other centres. But the tue, since renamed the Cardiff West and one of the strongest tion of the world for one and a half mer Empire Ash, one of Britain's last Sea Alarm, will not be relocated, opponents of closure, goes further: "It centuries. It is extremely ironic that coal-fired steam tugs, and the other only her engines will be kept: her rust is an unbelievable scandal.

whose role was to record Wales's in- sake of having a row of upmarket commemorates them." The doors of the museum in dustrial heritage - to make way for a shops, we have sacrificed the Welsh

terday after its controversial sale for has been fiercely opposed, and the It is the ultimate step in the yuppifi-National Museum of Wales is still cation of Cardiff Bay. It extinguishes looking for a new home.

"It beggars belief that we could The closure of the museum - have got into a situation where for the have now closed the museum that

not only have railways, mines and iron

Ceri Thomas, assistant director of heritage.

Cardiff's dockland were closed yes- development of shops in Cardiff Bay, Industrial and Maritime Museum. public services at the National Museum and Galleries of Wales, said: "We had originally planned to build a new the memory of what made Wales such museum in a Wales Millennium Cen-Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for a powerful force in the industrialisa- tre, but when that was turned down by the Hentage Lottery Fund we were left looking for an alternative."

On Thursday, the National works been closed in Wales, but we Museum of Wales will launch a consultation exercise on the future for the Principality's industry and maritime

Listeners increase for new Radio 4

By Paul McCann Media Editor

RADIO 4's new schedule added over 200,000 new listen- by early reaction to the schedule. ers to the station during its first three weeks on air according to unofficial audience figures seen but no one wants to count their

ures, which are meant to be seen by radio stations only, show that average weekly listeners rose from 8,161,000 in the first three Parliament was moved to Radio months of the year to 8.374.000 4's long-wave frequency to give during April. The figures are even an improvement on the increased their listening comsame month in 1997 when Ra- pared with before the new dio 4's audience was boosted by schedule's launch.

the General Election campaign.

around the schedule. Radio 4 refused to comment on the figures, but a source confirmed that the station is encouraged

"The detailed figures show that listening is up in key areas, by The Independent yesterday. chickens," says an insider. "But April's monthly Rajar fig- at least they're not in the other direction.

> The controversial new 9am programmes - Yesterday in them a better lead in - have also

The positive audience figures The new schedule, which support Radio 4's own research was widely trailed by the station, which shows that around half of has seen a number of long run- all listeners broadly like the ning shows like Farming Today changes while around ten per cut while others have moved cent actively dislike them.

Court told of girl's taxi rape Trials start on cancer vaccine

A SCHOOLGIRL who ran was alone and agreed to give her pop idol, Brian Harvey, was repeatedly raped by a taxi driver she trusted, an Old Bai-

ley court heard today. After her alleged ordeal, she still went to the East 17 singer's home, rang his doorbell and shouted that she was cold and wanted some blankets, but he told her to clear off, the court heard. The 13-year-old left her home in the Southampton area

on 23 March last year. "She found herself at Charing Cross. She was hungry and broke. A taxi driver asked if she

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away from home to seek out her a lift. She thought she could trust him - a driver in a black cab," said Sasha Wass, prosecuting. "She was wrong. She spent several hours in the cab, three times and buggered her once," Miss Wass alleged.

Benfleet, Essex has denied raping the teenager.

The teenager, now 15, said that after picking her up at Charing Cross, the defendant bought her something to eat, then stopped the car, got in the back and allegedly raped her.

"The doors were locked," she said. "He pulled my tights off and pushed me down on the back seat. He pulled my skirt up and started to have sex with me." The girl said she then during which he raped her caught a train to Loughton where Harvey lived.

"When I got there I started Peter Goddard, 40, from ringing on the doorbell. He stuck his head out of the window and asked me what I wanted. I said I was cold and could I have some blankets. He said he didn't have any and a security man came and told me to go. So I did." The case was ad-

to be tested on patients in the at Southampton University, said: first trial of its kind in the UK.

it was announced today. The vaccine uses genes from tumours to kick-start the immune system and fight the disease. Within the next six months it is to be given to 14 patients with lymphoma, a type of blood

cancer. The Leukaemia Research Fund, which is backing the study, said it was the first trial in Britain, and probably the world, of a cancer vaccine made from DNA.

Professor Freda Stevenson,

"In theory tumour cells should be killed by the immune system because it is programmed to destroy anything which is not a nor-

mal bealthy cell. "However, tumour cells are belled, they have developed ways of switching off the immune system to their presence, thwarting any possible attack.

"Our vaccine puts the immune system back on the

The vaccine packs a powerful second punch. By being pies at present."

A GENETIC cancer vaccine is who will be leading the research coupled with a tetanus toxin, it generates an immune system response 50 times stronger than would otherwise be possible. The trial is expected to start

within six months. Dr David Grant, scientific director at the Leukaemia Recunning. Though clearly la- search Council which is providing £746,000 for the trial, said: "It is imperative we find

new ways to treat cancer of the

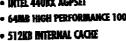
blood which are less punishing and more successful. "Vaccination targets cancer cells in a way which is not possible using conventional thera-

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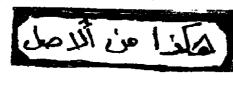
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Campaign to drive the suntan out of fashion

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

THE Government yesterday launched a drive to make suntanned skin as passe as ra-ra skirts and drip-dry shirts. Fashion editors and photographers are being urged to show paleskinned models reclining in the shade rather than bikiniclad bodies exposed to the burning sun.

Sir Kenneth Calman, chief medical officer, said most people knew about the risks of sunbathing but were ignoring them. A survey of 2,000 people published vesterday showed a had tried to get a tan in the last year. "We are trying to persuade first hint of sanshine to acquire a suntan," he said.

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fallen on deaf ears, the Government is turning to the image makers. A glossy publication entitled Sunconscious: Fashion and Beauty - The New Testament, produced by the Health Education Authority, is being distributed to women's magazines, model agencies and fashion colleges with the claim that images of models lying on palm fringed beaches are selling skin cancer in the same way that images of people smoking sell lung

The HEA says there were 40,000 new cases of skin cancer in the UK last year of which 32,000 could have been third of men and half of women prevented if people had covered up in the sun.

Christopher New, campaign people not to rush out at the director at the HEA, said images used by fashion editors had changed over the last decade. Since health warnings have with more pale-skinned mod-





The media are being asked to stop using images which show suntans as fashionable and healthy (left). Instead, says the HEA, pale-skinned models taking proper precautions (right) should be used. It warns that children and babies (top left) have a high risk of developing cancer later in life

els and general disdain for the deep mahogany tan, but there was further to go.

There has been a huge increase in articles on sun protection but only a small change said. in the images used. We are trying to get the image makers to use the huge influence they wield. The cool shady, covered image could be just as fashionable as the bikini on the

A change had already been achieved in the marketing of sunscreens which were now sold not as tanning products but as providing protection, he

The health department surrey, published as a statistical bulletin, showed that among 16to 24-year-olds, three quarters of women and more than half of men had sunbathed in the last year. The incidence of skin

cancer has doubled since 1979 and is higher in women.

However, deaths from skin cancer are higher among men. The likeliest reason is thought to be that men delay seeking medical help for longer than women when they notice changes in their skin.

More women than men said they now took precautions in the sun by covering up or using sunscreens. That suggests that

skin cancer rates in men could start to overtake those in

Sir Kenneth said there was no such thing as a "safe" (an. Even when high-factor sun screen was used, the sun's rays damaged the DNA in the skin causing ageing and the early changes associated with cancer.

For malignant melanoma. the highest risk is among peo-said.

ple who suffer sunburn before the age of 15, when most skin damage occurs. Mr New said schools should

take the risk of sunburn seriously by ensuring hats and sunscreens were used when necessary and providing shade in playgrounds.

The most important thing is that teachers and parents help the most serious skin cancer, children to avoid sunburn," he

Animal activists blamed for fire

By Kim Sengupta

FEARS grew yesterday of a new wave of violence by animal welfare militants after 40 fire bombs were found under lorries at a livestock transport firm.

The discovery of the explosive devices came after a vehicle was set on fire at the haulier's depot at Bruton. Somerset, in the early hours of yesterday morning. A search revealed bombs hidden in the wheel arches of other lorries.

The company, AE George and Sons, is the biggest in the area and carries sheep, pigs and cattle across the country.

Avon and Somerset police said one of the theories they were working on was that the attack was the work of animal welfare activists.

About a year ago the Animal Liberation Front claimed there was a new mood of militancy among its members. This followed the fire-bombings of a depot belonging to the livestock firm Spiers Haulage in Claverdon, Warwickshire, and meat lorries of Quality Poultry at Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Scotland Yard's Special Branch believes animal welfare militants have been busy reorganising and preparing fresh campaigns since last December.

In February, a bomb which proved to be fake was sent to the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, which cloned Dolly the sheep. It was sent by an organisation calling itself the Provisional Animal Liberation Front.

In April, ALF members were said to have hijacked a demonstration at a cat breeding farm in Oxfordshire. Around three hundred protesters broke through a metal fence using a battering ram

and stoned the owner's home.

Security consultant Robert Emerson said: "We seem to have an escalating situation. The activists have been claiming they are getting in a position to do something dramatic, and this could be the beginning."

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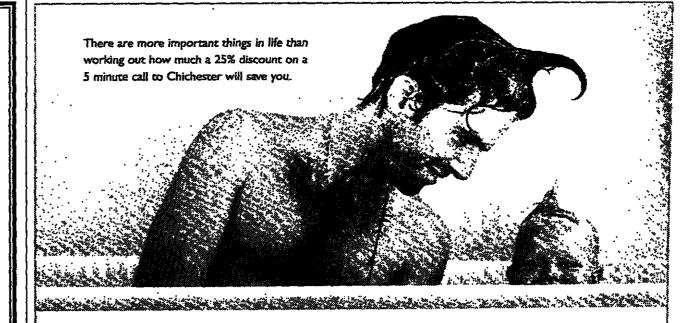
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Erina Wallace of Spangles, in Harrogate, Yorkshire, winner of the Flat Nail Artist prize at the Professional Beauty '98 Exhibition at Olympia, west London, demonstrating her work yesterday Photograph: Suresh Karadia

Officers praise integrity of sex-case padre

gations of indecent assault against an army chaplain were true then he was a worse judge of men than he thought

Brigadier David Montgomery said he would have no doubt about the integrity of the padre, Captain Richard Landall, 41, who is accused of four times indecently assaulting the wife of a soldier.

The brigadier, who was garrison commander when the padre was in Celle, Germany, where the offences are alleged to have happened, said he thought he was a pretty good judge of men.

"I am aware of the allegations

of men than I thought possible,"

Capt Landall denies the allegations, said to have occurred in November last year when he was chaplain to the 2nd Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Lt-Col Andrew Whistler, commanding officer of the battalion, said he considered Capt Landall to be the best padre he had served with.

"He was exactly the sort of padre an infantry battalion requires in peacetime and most importantly in war," he said.

Earlier, the alleged victim of the indecent assault, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had been recalled to give evishot, Hampshire, about contacts she has had with representatives newspapers and the padre was of the News of the World about selling her story.

The woman denied she had fabricated her evidence to get money from newspapers. She claims the chaplain shall get a lot" and "the papers

groped her breast and on another occasion rubbed his groin against her bottom. She also alleges that on other occasions he put his hand

down her jogging trousers and kissed her on the lips.

A BRIGADIER told a court made against Padre Landall. If idence at the hearing she had martial yesterday that if alle- they are true I am a worse judge returned to Germany where she met two people from the News of the World and denied she had thought about selling her story before the case had

Alison Barker, for the defence, said: "I suggest you went after money right from the beginning and before this court

The witness said: "There is no amount of money in the world that will compensation for go-

ing through this." She added: "I have done nothing wrong. All I did was come forward to the authorities. say what was happening and say

I wanted the situation stopped." A friend of the woman said that last March the woman and dence at the hearing at Alder- her husband were saying that they intended to go to the going to be in a lot of trouble because of the allegations that had been made. She said the soldier did most of the talking and his wife made comments like "I

> will be interested". Charges against the chaplain alleging harassment of another soldier's wife and her husband were dismissed last week at the court martial.

The hearing continues today She said that after giving ev- when it is expected to conclude.

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IN BRIEF

Essex firefighters vote to strike over budget cuts

FIREFIGHTERS in Essex are to strike next Monday after voting overwhelmingly to take industrial action in protest at budget cuts, their union announced yesterday. Military Green Goddess fire engines will be drafted in as emergency cover during the four-hour strike from 10am.

Members of the county's Fire Brigades' Union backed industrial action by 642 votes to 272, a majority of 70 per cent. The union is protesting at plans to cut more than £1m from the authority's budget, which will lead to job losses.

An FBU spokesman said: "The prospect of strike action is now a reality unless the Essex fire authority comes to its senses and uses some of its £28m reserves to settle this dispute." Green Goddesses were used in Essex a year ago during a strike against cuts by the union.

Ken Cameron, general secretary of the FBU, said: "This dispute and the industrial action it now brings is totally as a result of the crass stubbornness of the Essex Fire Authority in not using a small proportion of the £26m they have in reserve." The Essex Fire Authority made no comment.

Allwood pregnant again

MANDY ALLWOOD, the woman who attempted to have eight babies at the same time but who lost them all, is pregnant again and may be carrying twins.

The 32-year-old, who caused worldwide controversy when she became pregnant in 1996 with octuplets, following fertility treatment, said she was "stunned" at falling pregnant again just four months after giving birth to a baby girl, Color. "We are absolutely thrilled to bits," she said. Ms Allwood, who refused to comment on whether she has been undergoing fertility treatment, is co-writing a book on the subject which she hopes to have published next year.

Concern grows for BBC crew

A BBC crew is still being held in the Yemen, after allegedly filming without permission in areas deemed unsafe by Yenemi authorities. The three men, including BBC Middle East correspondent, Rageh Omaar, have been detained by the Yemeni Attorney General for a week without any charge. They have now been moved to a hotel but remain unable to leave the country. A BBC spokesman said the Corporation is "increasingly concerned". The BBC maintains that the journalists were fully accredited to film in the Yemen and engaged in proper journalism.

Bishop in boycott apology

AN Irish Roman Catholic bishop has apologised for a boycott of Protestant-run businesses - more than 40 years ago. The 1957 boycott, which was backed by the church au-

thorities of the day, was staged at Fethard-on-Sea in the Irish Republic's Co Wexford. It centred on a row about a married couple - a Protestant woman and a Catholic man - and the religion in which their

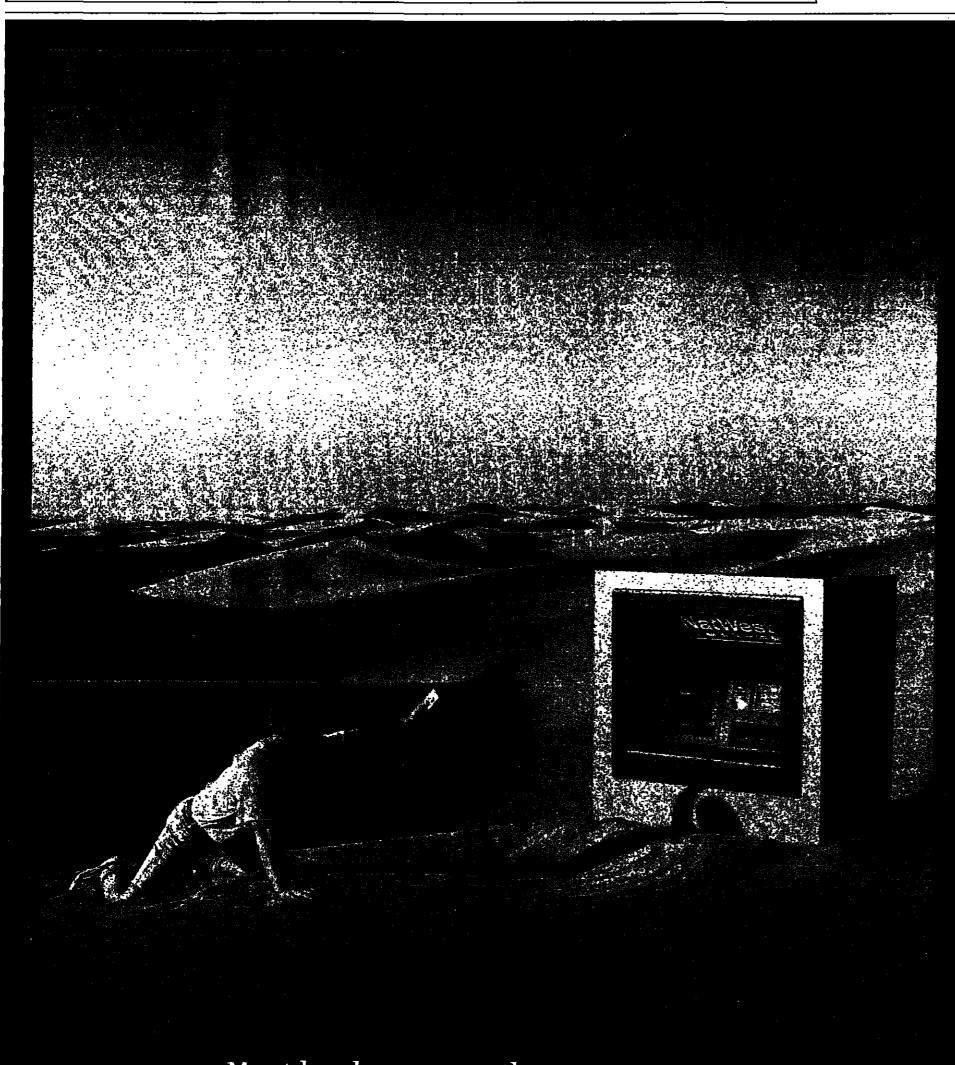
Multicultural TV awards

children should be brought up.

COMEDIAN Lenny Henry, writer Hanif Kureshi and Channel 4 sit-com Desmonds were honoured by the Royal Television Society last night for contributions to multicultural television. The ceremony, marking the 50th anniversary of the Windrush docking with immigrants from Jamaica, was attended by Independent columnist Trevor Phillips who gave the RTS Fleming lecture.

Woman trampled by cows

THE body of a woman who was trampled by cows has been found lying beside those of two of her pet dogs. Grace Aldridge. 67, of Lyminster, West Sussex, was found by a man and woman walking along a public footpath. A police officer indicated that it was likely that the victim had been trampled to death by cows.



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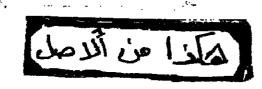
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Foolproof ways to flush out fibbers

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

JOB interviewees who intend to lie about their abilities should avoid touching their noses, shrugging, shifting their posture, sitting on their hands or clasp-

Fibbers should also refrain from verbal tirades and if they smile, make sure they also use

A professor of psychology will today issue advice on how to spot hars in interviews, but ally truthful, he says. Yet many it could equally help those seeking to pull the wool over the cyes of prospective employers.

Adrian Furnham, of University College London, encourages managers to note any "mismatch" between what applicants say and how they say it.

Professor Furnham will tell a seminar at the Institute of Personnel and Development's re- ceivers - those who believe cruitment and selection their own positive self-reports conference that most adults are experienced liars. Howev- ately seek to fool the interviewer er, it is important to be aware of the signs: "The ability to detect falsity in facial expression or manner of speech can hold the key to reducing the likelihood of a candidate slipping through the net by the most fan-

He suggests some tell-tale signs which might be more difficult to conceal except by the most practised liars such as sweating, pupil dilation and blushing.

"Most of us are 'torso liars' - we can lie with our upper-body on the brink of decline. - but we are not so good with the lower halves of our bodies,"

He concedes that there will he a difference between the nationalities and his advice is aimed at the detection of the

The Italians will be more

this country might be interpreted as sign that the interviewee is dissembling.

The Chinese will have different "eye-contact patterns". will look rather stiff compared to the British and may even look frightened. However that may be simply an expression of politeness and deference, according to Professor Furnham.

While most people tend to fib a lot in everyday life - lies of both omission and commission - interviewees are generpeople are tempted into mild deceits as they try to sell

"Lying at interviews can take many forms and has different levels. There is the tendency to attribute desirable characteristics; there is the tendency to deny undesirable characteristics. Then there are the self-de-- and lastly those who deliberthrough lies.

"Making the wrong decision remains every recruiter's nightmare," he adds.

The tendency to embellish the truth at interviews has tended to weaken their objectivity as a recruitment tool, the Profes-

Graeme Wright, director of media and research at Park Human Resources, will tell another IPD seminar that traditional selection techniques such as the face-to-face interview are

In America, leading employers conduct initial dialogue with prospective recruits on the Internet.

By 2004, some 66 per cent of all homes in Britain will have personal computers, a fact which will revolutionise the world of recruitment, according laden" a trait which in to Mr Wright



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Success is just a dream for the disabled

By Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

DISABLED children dream of being rich and famous - even more so than their able-bodied public attitudes even their most modest hopes will go unfulfilled

according to new research. A survey of 500 seven to eleven-year-olds published today found that more than six out of 10 disabled children want to be rich and famous compared with half of able-bodied chil-

They shared childhood desires and dreams - from glamorous aspirations of being a types of children wanted to get Spice Girl or a Manchester United player - to more down to earth hopes of getting mar- as I think I would be more symried or having a job.

Yet carlier studies show that without more support, even the more modest hopes of disabled children will go unfulfilled. The national employment rate currently stands at 73 per cent, but this falls to a third for run faster and do a lot more disabled adults. Research by Scope in 1990 showed that job applicants with cerebral palsy

were six times less likely to be invited for a job interview than non-disabled applicants.

The same amount of disabled and non-disabled girls wanted to be pop stars and nearpeers - but without a change in ly one in five disabled boys yearned to be a footballer. "I wish I was Posh Spice," said one nine-year-old girl with physical disabilities. "I'd like to play football for England and go to the World Cup," said a nineyear-old dyslexic boy.

Nearly two thirds of disabled children and 54 per cent of non-disabled children said they wanted a job that helped others and six out of 10 of both

"I would like to be a teach pathetic to disabled children, said Rebekah, nine, from Warrington. "People sometimes don't understand that it's harder to do some things if you have cerebral palsy."

"I would like to be able to things at school," said Louis, 10, from Bournemouth. "I think if I could do all these I would be a lot more popular and I would like it because I would not think of myself being handicapped. I think I would have more friends."

"All children whether disabled or not have dreams for the future," said Richard Brewster, Scope's chief executive. "achieving those drams depends on many things - not least determination and hard work. But disabled people have to overcome far greater barriers than non-disabled people ... a change in public attitude and tangible commitment from employers and government are needed if the disabled children we have surveyed are to get an equal chance in life."

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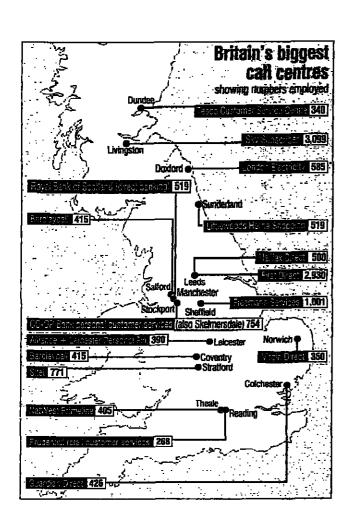
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Phone factories – Britain's new boom industry



Barrie Clement and Susan Woodford report on an Orwellian world of work

growing occupational group in Britain today, providing cusvoice you hear on the end of the tomer services, and sales infortelephone is being monitored mation. There can be few every minute of their working businesses which do not require such facilities and there are your call, 10 seconds later they few senior managers who can-

someone cise. On the walls of the vast open-plan offices are Orwellian exhortations to maximum effort. terday when Sitel UK, an Conversations with colleagues are frowned upon. By some estimates there are

now some 200,000 people involved in such "call centres" easily outstripping the number employed in steel, coal and in vehicle manufacture. In fact London School of Economics, there are now more call-centre estimates there are now 7,000 staff than coal miners.

THEY ARE the new white-col-

lar factories. The disembodied

day and when they finish with

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not see advantages in farming out such activities to call centres.

Further evidence of the boom in call centres came ves-American-owned company which already operates six centres announced that it was planning to create 10,000 jobs over the next five years.

Sue Fernie, of the Centre for Economic Performance at the such "factories" which employ The so-called "computer 1.1 per cent of the British worktelephonists" are the fastest force. Academics calculate that cuse.



Telephonists at First Direct in Leeds: 'You are monitored by supervisors all the time and they sit next to you if there is a particular problem'

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the proportion will double to 2.2 per cent by 2001. There are strong similarities between the "dark satanic mills" of the nineteenth centu-

participation. There is, however, little opportunity to stand and stare. The number of calls waiting is often displayed on a monitor

above the "shop floor". Visits to

are safe, well-lit and there is

the lavatory are timed. In most such factories, operators are expected to take a maximum 10-second break between each call. Employees can be routinely dismissed for not meeting their production target without "reasonable" ex-

turnover in staff can be as high nent career. One such employas 30 per cent a year, although ee - a 26-year-old graduate the larger companies are be- currently working at First Direct ginning to see the advantages of in Leeds - said he worked a year which can reach £13,000 ry and the new production lines of the 21st century - except they Appropriately, one popular hour for lunch. "It is noticed if

sometimes a veneer of worker

agement in call centres is marketed as "Total Control Made

software package used by man- you take 32 minutes rather than 30," he said.

"You are monitored by su-Easy". These white-collar fac- pervisors all the time and they tories often require articulate sit next to you if there is a parand adaptable people and some ticular problem. You are given centres attract graduates who scores from one to five each vironment is "very pressured",

one interview with your supervisor if you fall below target." He earns a basic £11,800 a

hanging on to experienced staff. nine-hour shift with half an with a bonus, but finds the regime "oppressive". He works non-stop and processes some 100 calls a day. "It's all right as long There are similarities between the 'dark as you're doing well," he said.

The call companies reject satanic mills' of the 19th century and the criticism of their treatment of employees. Ann Gunter, head new production lines of the 21 st century of telephony at NatWest. says staff at the bank's Harrogate call centre are "very very proud of what they do" and apart from the odd niggle "have an awful lot of fun"

Their view is supported by Alastair Hatchett. of research group Incomes Data Services. who says that while the work en-

In some call centres, are still searching for a perma-month and you have a one-to- a lot of younger people enjoy it months is usually about as much team-working environment".

Staff at Norwich Union Direct centres recently received pay rises of up to 18 per cent depending on productivity. "Good performers" received 8 per cent while small numbers got the top pay rises and the company's pay bill rose by around 10 per cent.

Employees, especially in areas of high unemployment, clearly appreciate the higher rates of pay they can earn, and quickly become acclimatised by the higher levels of monitoring they receive.

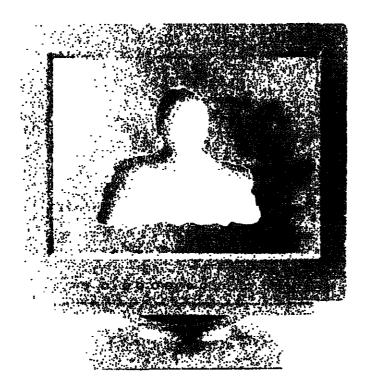
Nevertheless Ms Fernie identifies a problem of "burn out" which is often associated with the need to repeat endlessly the same basic script been adopted by companies in many times a day. "Eighteen

and "seem to respond to the as a computer telephonist can cope with," she said.

Many centres increasingly rely on bonuses to motivate staff. Twenty-four hour operation also means that staff receive an increasing range of overtime and shift premium payments hitherto unknown in the traditional office.

Many of the big centres are located outside London to take advantage of plentiful relatively skilled staff and lower wages. London Electricity's billing operation, for instance, is now carried out in Sunderland. The whole process in Britain was pioneered in Britain by Direct Line insurance and by First Direct banking, but has since virtually every industrial sector.

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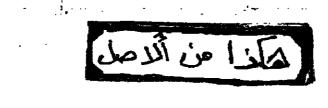
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'Try 'Alarmist' fears held up action on BSE

By Charles Arthur Science and Technology Editor

GOVERNMENT officials

feared "ill-informed" publicity over mad cow disease could cause serious "public alarm" and lead to "hysterical demands for immediate draconian government measures".

They were also concerned that this might in turn upset beef exports, the BSE Inquiry heard yesterday.

But their actions were defended by a former senior civil servant who said that they were "understandable".

The warnings were included in a confidential memo, released yesterday by the Inquiry, to a junior minister at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) in July 1987.

The memo, from the head of the ministry's Animal Health Division, J C Suich, and addressed to the then parliamentary secretary. Donald Thompson, said any harsh measures on Britain's part "could alarm other countries and lead them to prohibit imports of cattle, semen and embryos from this country."

It stated that Maff officials advised that the best plan was one has to leave it to the sense to acknowledge that BSE existed, and to emphasise that it point they could make a meanwas being "thoroughly investigated" - but not do anything until more was known about it, "beyond attempting to ensure that publicity is well-informed and not unduly alarmist".

ing informed, according to another memo presented to the Inquiry. That was dated June 5 1987, to Mr Thompson, from the then Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) Howard Rees.

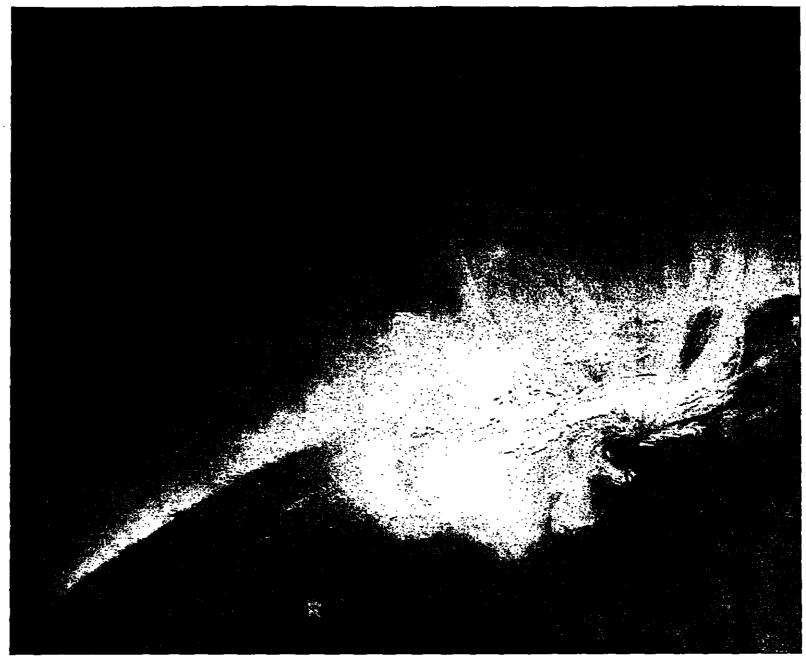
Giving evidence to the Inquiry yesterday, Sir Michael Franklin, Permanent Secretary at MAFF until October 1987. said he had met with the Chief Veterinary Officer to discuss the implications of BSE on June 10, the day before the 1987 General

Minutes of the meeting recorded that the CVO's prime concern was how to handle publicity about BSE.

Yesterday Sir Michael said: "I think it is very understandable that when you have a new phenomenon about which you know so little, there is a danger that it can be misunderstood. It would be the concern of the CVO not to arouse undue alarm and concern."

He had no criticism of the time it had taken officials and scientists to bring BSE to ministers' notice. "It seems to me that the scientists were wrestling with trying to understand what it was. Even in June there was a great deal not known. I think of scientists to judge at what ingful statement."

Asked if in hindsight he could see any shortcomings in the ministry from which lessons might be learned, he said: "I don't think I can put my finger Seven months elapsed be- on a particular organisation or tween the identification of BSE weakness that made the probas a disease and ministers be- lem worse than it proved to be."



Cool Sun bursts with magnetic energy

By Charles Arthur

FIELDS of magnetic energy resembling "loops" are released from the Sun's surface (above) - the sort of event that can trigger a solar flare, disrupting communications satellites and power systems here on Earth.

Known as a "magnetic reconnection", the loops were thrown out from the surface where the red areas indicate

temperatures of 1.1mC, and ing ejected by processes witheven the "cool" blue areas are in the body of the Sun which at 200,000C - into space, and scientists are still struggling to then curved back together. understand. "Our mission is to The effect of their interplay is understand in great detail how to release huge amounts of energy, like a twisted rubber solar surface into the outer atband unwinding or breaking, mosphere," said Dr Alan Title, according to scientists at the US space agency Nasa, who captured the picture.

energy is transported from the head of Stanford Lockheed Institute in Palo Alto, California.

Normally, the surface of The superheated gas that the Sun is relatively cool - periods: "This made it difficult fuels our star is constantly be- about 5.000C-yet its upper at- to get at the fundamental

mosphere, the corona, has temperatures of 1.6mC. The spacecraft being used to study this energy transfer is called Trace. Launched in April, it will be able to record changes in solar activity in greater detail, both in time and distance.

That should help, said Dr Title, because past systems had to average data over long

given us many surprises already. We found that even large areas of the Sun, some more than 96,000 kilometres (60,000 miles) can heat up or cool down significantly, and thus appear and disappear on our instruments in just a few minutes."

physics." He added: "Trace has

Photograph: Dr Alan Title Stanford Lockheed Institute for Space Research and Nasa

Nanny caught stealing on video

A DEBT-RIDDEN nanny was caught stealing from her employer's handbag after a video camera was set up in the dining room to trap her, a court was told yesterday.

Helen Eckstein, 22, rifled through Diana Wethered's bag at the family home at Avebury Trusloe, in Wiltshire, and stole cash. She was ordered to do 80 hours' community service by magistrates in Devizes yesterday and to pay £170 in compensation and costs.

Eckstein, of Bexhill, East Sussex, had admitted two charges of theft and a further charge of failing to surrender to police bail at an earlier hearing.

A statement given out by Eckstein's solicitor after the hearing said: "She is truly sorry for committing the offence against the Wethereds but she is relieved the case has now come to an end so she can plan positively for the future."

The court was told that Eckstein was taken on as a nanny to look after the family's five children, aged three to ten. She was appointed after replying to an advertisement placed in the Lady magazine. But shortly after her appointment last September, Mrs Wethered noticed that money was going missing.

Guy Knell, for the prosecution, said that Mrs Wethered had carried out a "little experiment" by leaving cash in three places around the house. After one note disappeared, Mr Knell said Mrs Wethered set up a video camera. Police later watched the film which showed Eckstein looking through bags and purses in the dining room four times.

Eckstein was said to have debts of more than £5,000 which she ran up as a student at Wolverhampton University. Stephen Clifford, for the defence, said that Eckstein had taken the money to stave off creditors.

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Hague stakes leadership on sharp right turn

Chief Political Correspondent

WILLIAM Hague yesterday in" to the Government was gambled his leadership on a seen as a shrewd move by Mr wide-ranging reshuffle moving Hague, who is hoping that atthe Tory Party further to the right tacking Tony Blair over his The Tory leader brought in new faces in the hope of kick-starting shine off the Government's the Opposition into a fight back other policy pledges. against the Government.

paralysed in the past few months," said one senior Shadow Cabinet figure. "William has told us all we have got to get stuck opinion poll showed his leadin. That is what we intend to do."

The reshuffle consolidated the hold of the Eurosceptics over the heart of the Conservative Party in the Commons, with John Redwood remaining at trade and industry and Francis Maude taking over as shadow Chancellor.

Out went old-guard Brian Mawhinney, home affairs spokesman, and Stephen Dorrell, from education, who voluntarily bowed out. The only frontwas the former government chief whip, Alastair Goodlad.

Lord Parkinson will step down as the chairman of the party, as earlier reported in The Independent, at the annual Tory party conference in October. He will hand over to Michael Ancram, a Scottish Tory aristocrat and former Northern Ireland minister, who is well liked in the partyand will act as a foil to the sharper, modernising vice-chairman, Archie Norman, the former boss of the Asda stores chain.

The appointment of Ann Widdecombe to appeal to the Tory grassroots and "get stuck promises on health will take the

Tory leadership sources "We have been completely claimed that Mr Hague had planned "months ago" to hold the reshuffle vesterday but the timing, coming days after one ership had failed to make any dent on the Government's popularity, suggested that it could be a desperate attempt to get the Opposition out of the doldrums.

The key change came with the promotion of Mr Maude from the culture portfolio to replace the lacklustre Peter Lilley as shadow Chancellor. Mr Mande, a former Treasury minister and young Thatcherite, was ordered to take on Gordon Brown as the Chancellor prebencher Mr Hague had to sack pares to unveil the comprehensive spending review.

Mr Lilley has been given the task, once carried out by Rab Butler, of restoring the intellectual cutting edge of the Conservatives, with new policies for the next election manifesto. His title as deputy leader - previously held by Willie Whitelaw - was presented by the Tory leadership as a promotion.

But it infuriated the Tory left, and upset the right. One Labour MP encountered two Tory MPs having a row at the members'

Tory party leader William Hague arriving at Central Office in Westminster yesterday for his Shadow Cabinet reshuffle Photograph: Andrew Buurman

entrance, with one left-wing Tory furning because Mr Lilley had been promoted against a right-winger, who was angry because he had been demoted. However, Mr Lilley will ensure that the Tories have a right-wing

agenda for the next election. The "newcomers" who consolidated the right-wing shift of the team included former whip David Willetts, a Lilley supporter and policy specialist; Liam Fox (constitutional affairs), and

velopment). Peter Ainsworth, a former Opposition whip, was put in charge of culture.

In further junior appointments, Mr Hague promoted Bernard Jenkin, an arch Eu-

Gary Streeter (international de-rosceptic from the back bench eight new MPs to frontbench to environment under Gillian Shephard; right-winger Alan Duncan as Ms Widdecombe's deputy at health; John Whittingdale, Lady Thatcher's for- rope MP Quentin Davies was mer aide to the Treasury; and appointed to social security.

jobs, including Oliver Letwin, former member of Lady Thatcher's policy unit, to constitutional affairs. But pro-Eu-

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Marchers turn heat on Ulster agreement

By David McKittrick Ireland Correspondent

THE political status of Sinn Fein dominated Northern Ireland exchanges yesterday, with calls for decommissioning, allegations of republican involvement in weekend rioting. and continuing controversy over invitations to Sing Fein leaders to a royal garden party.

The most immediately ominous issue, following Satur- prior manufacture. day's disturbances at the Garvaghy Road troublespot in Portadown, Co Armagh, is that defended its decision not to ban by a former IRA quarter masof the loyalist marching season, the march. He said: "We de- ter, met in Dundalk last week

The season's chief predicament continues to be that which has dominated Northern Ireland's summers for the past three years: whether to allow Portadown Orangemen to walk its implications was discussed by

the parade in line with the and the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahwishes of Catholic residents.

Fifteen policemen and four civilians were injured during Saturday's disturbances, when more than 30 petrol bombs were thrown, together with a number of blast bombs. There were allegations that the use of blast bombs was an indication that republicans were involved. since such devices require Alistair Graham, chairman

of the Parades Commission. erroment and the security forces. needed to intervene in. We are talking about 40 children and one band. It hardly touched the Garvaghy Road. It was mainly in a non-contentious area."

The weekend violence and

along Garvaghy Road, or to halt the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, era, in Dublin last night.

In their first meeting since sealing the Good Friday Agreement, the two leaders reviewed developments in Northern Ireland including the continuing security threat posed by paramilitary groups opposing the terms of the Stormont settlement.

Meanwhile, it is believed that leaders of three republican factions: the INLA, the Continuity IRA, and a third group led

On Sunday, Ronnie Flanagan, the Royal Ulster Constabulary's chief constable. suggested the three groups may soon coalesce under a single

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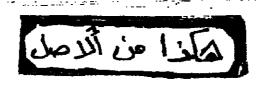
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The red kite can now be seen along the M40. Above right, the golden eagle, target of nest robbers

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Extinct bird of prey takes the fast road to recovery

By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent

ENGLAND has a new motorway bird-the red kite. Confined to Wales for most of this century, the spectacular fork-tailed bird of prey can now be seen regularly from the M40 that links London and Birmingham.

Carriageway twitchers used to spotting kestrels hovering over grassy motorway embankments may now keep an eye out for their larger and showier cousin.

The bird, a carrion feeder and once a scavenger on London's streets (and mentioned as such in Shakespeare) became extinct in England in 1870, and in Scotland in 1890. The remoter parts of mid-Wales remained its only stronghold. But in 1989 a few kites from Spain were reintroduced into the Chiltern Hills in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire - and now their population is booming.

The English red kites have increased from four pairs in 1992 to



20 pairs in 1994, 33 pairs in 1996 and

51 pairs last year, which raised

7 of the M40.

125 breeding pairs, making a total of about 200 pairs in Britain. But not all is success. Seven red

kites were poisoned last year and two nests were robbed by egg collectors, the RSPB said yesterday, releasing figures on crimes committed against wild birds in 1997. Nest robberies as a whole doubled from 37 in 1996 to 75 in 1997, including from 42 peregrines, eight goshawks, three golden eagles and three ospreys. There were 92 poisoning incidents. half of them involving birds of prey.

more than 100 young. This year, said Of 671 reports of crimes against Chris Harbard of the Royal Society wild birds, 330 were against birds of for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), prey. RSPB conservation director there are likely to be at least 60 pairs. Graham Wynne said: "It is dis-"In terms of reintroductions, it graceful that we recorded 671 bird crimes in 1997, even if this reprehas been a phenomenal success," he said. Twitchers should be on red alert sents a slight drop from the previin particular between junctions 2 and ous year. It is particularly disturbing that birds of prey are still the prime The kites have also been reintargets of many offenders." He added that there had been a "weltroduced to Scotland, where last year 23 pairs bred. In Wales, too, the come increase" in the number of population is growing, with about

Lawrence detective apologises for slurs

By Kate Watson-Smyth

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A policeman involved in the investigation into the murder of Stephen Lawrence yesterday apologised to the teenager's family and their lawyer over claims that they hindered the in-

Detective Sergeant Peter Flook, now retired, was office manager of the incident room set up to deal with the racist murder. He had accused Stephen's parents of revealing confidential police information about the identities of key susson's murder. But yesterday at Old Bailey in 1996. The cases the public inquiry into the murder, Mr Flook admitted: "I made a mistake. I was wrong."

The inquiry has heard that five white youths alleged to have stabbed Stephen in Eltham, south-east London, in April 1993 were named by numerous informants in the first 48 hours. But they were not arrested for at least a fortnight.

Stephen Kamlish, counsel for far they have not done so. But the Lawrence family, Mr Flook conceded they had never been told the confidential information he accused them of revealing: "If I caused any offence to Mr Lawrence I apologise."

He also withdrew claims that Imran Khan, the Lawrence solicitor, had "pestered" the investigation team and hindered its efforts to find the killers.

Mr Flook, who reured in 1993 while the inquiry was still ongoing, said that four letters from Mr Khan to the police yesterday spoke for the first time team investigating the murder since the inquiry began. "It is inhad provided helpful information and also contained reasonable requests from the family to be kept informed of for their conduct," she is reprogress in the case.

When asked by Mr Kamlish if he wanted to apologise to Mr Khan over claims that the solicitor had adopted an "uncooperative" approach, Mr Flook said simply: "Yes." His evidence was the latest

embarrassment for the Lawrence investigation team whose detectives have admitted to a series of mistakes. Claims of racism and corruption have been levelled at the detectives.

Five men have been named in connection with the murder. Neil Acourt and Gary Dobson, both 22, and Luke Knight, 20, tted of murder a against James Acourt and David Norris, both 21, never came to trial while a private prosecution against them collapsed after a judge ruled identification evidence inadmissible.

The five have been summonsed to give evidence at the inquiry next week, but have said via a solicitor that they will challenge the legality of the sum-Under questioning from monses in the High Court. So even if they do turn up, nothing they say can be taken to incriminate them.

The inquiry's remit is to examine how the investigation and prosecution were conducted - not to establish who killed Stephen. But so far a picture has emerged in which the police investigating the teenager's murder failed to act on early information naming the five men, allowing the killers vital time to dispose of evidence.

Stephen's mother, Doreen credible that it has taken a public inquiry for me to hear officers of high rank make excuses ported to have said.

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By Les Murray

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I shall play a set of tennis in the gardens of Red Menace

Shall I scom to plant a dahlia in the soil of White Australia?

Who will call down Lewis Mumford on the streets of Frugal Comfort?

Oh live in Fadden and be content: everywhere's Environment.

Our poems this week celebrate the publication of Les Murray's Collected Poems by Carcanet Press (£12.95). Born on a New South Wales farm in 1938, Murray has been a full-time writer since 1971; in 1996, he won the TS Eliot Prize. This poem first appeared in Lunch and Counter Lunch (1974).

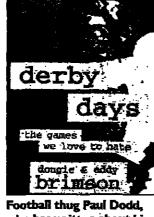
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Football yobs are kicking up a literary storm before the World Cup but they have run into problems, Jason Bennetto reports





who has written about his 'adventures'. Above: the Brimson brothers' Derby Days. Below: Guvnors, by Mickey Francis Photograph: Raoul Dixon



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Why police show a red card to this hooligan's book

and articles written by football hooligans trying to cash in on their exploits during the World Cup has prompted a police warning that they could encourage fighting and rioting.

closure that Paul Dodd, a convicted hooligan banned from every Football League ground in Britain, plans to have his book, believed to be called Serial Adventures of a Soccer Yob, published next Monday - two days before the start of the finals in France.

Dodd, 26 – a member of the hooligan outfit Carlisle's Border City Firm - revels in the ti-

after being involved in the Dublin riot and was held by Italmen on his way to England's World Cup qualifier in Rome

The National Criminal Intelligence Service, which includes a football hooligan unit, is concerned that football thugs who "glorify violence" could encourage fighting at the

publish material written by hooligans and said that the police would consider taking any media outlets that promoted or

terested in publishing Paul Dodd's book, but had declined the offer.

"The theme was wanting to glorify and cash in on being a bad boy. It's not something we wanted to get involved with," Mr Marshall said.

Hepatitis surgeon 'ignored scalpel wound'

A SURGEON infected with hepatitis B continued with an operation despite the fact his finger was "oozing" with blood after he cut it on a scalpel, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Sanjay Ingley insisted on continuing with the surgery despite the amount of blood, saying it was in the patient's best interests to carry on.

But 83-year-old Blodwen Jenkins died of hepatitis B 14 weeks after Mr Ingley carried out the hip replacement operation at Ysbyty Gwynedd hos-

pital in Bangor in July last year. Mr Ingley denied a charge of serious professional misconduct when he appeared in front of the GMC yesterday. He took up the job as a reg-

istrar specialising in orthopaedics at the hospital last July despite knowing he was infected with bepatitis B. He admitted cutting his finger during the operation but denied it was bleeding heavily as he carried on. He also denied

taking inadequate precautions

to protect patients and col-The hospital was aware that he carried the virus, which is transmitted through blood, but allowed him to carry on working because he was considered to be a low-risk carrier.

Staff Nurse Elaine Gregory, from Anglesey, who assisted in the operation on the elderly patient, told how Mr Ingley had cut one of the fingers on his left hand when he made the incision. "It was bleeding quite heavily," she said. "You could see the blood. I would say it was oozing. I vaguely remember swabs being used and another pair of gloves was put on the top of the ones he was wearing."

Mrs Gregory, who was not aware at the time that Mr Ingley had hepatitis B, said she was concerned about the amount of blood and also the fact that the surgeon said his finger was numb. But he insisted on carrying on, saying it was in the patient's best interests because the incision had been made.

Mrs Gregory added: "As the operation progressed, you could glove to the palm. That was how it appeared."

She said that after the operation one of the other nurses was concerned that an accident report form should have been filled in about the cut. The hospital said that none was filled in at the time.

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Dr Lindon Miles, who worked in the hospital's occupational medicine department at the time, told the hearing that Mr Ingley had been issued with a certificate saying that he was fit for duty after tests showed he was a low-risk carrier and he satisfied the hospital authorities that he was fully aware of safe methods of working.

The hearing continues.

AN expected rash of books Press Complaints Commission. lence involving the supporters Mark Steels, head of news at of clubs from the capital." Authors can expect to be paid between £2,500 and NCIS, said: "We expect various hooligans to cash in on the World Cup. We are sharply £20,000, although most manuagainst this - we don't think scripts are rejected for being criminals should be allowed to badly written and boring. Fre-The warning follows the disprofit out of criminal activities quently they are by fanatics and glorify violent crime, and detailing their every cup of the media should not encour-Boyril or by louts recalling fictitious battles with rival gangs. age them to do so. "We would be against any Mickey Francis, the author of another recently published media organisation who tried to book, Guvnors, is, according to publish or serialise extracts of the books. Articles written by the boast on the cover: "The first of the hooligan 'top boys' hooligans are not helpful either. "This would be exceptionally to tell his story." unhelpful in the run-up to the Francis, 37, has been "a World Cup.* tootball hooligan since his He added: "We would have youth", proclaims the publicity; tle of Britain's worst soccer to look at taking action to stop "he has numerous convictions thug and has more than 30 con- convicted hooligans - if, for exfor violence-related offences, victions. One of his victims had ample, the press were to seri- has served two prison terms and to have his cheek stapled to- alise the works of a convicted is currently banned from every In 1995, Dodd was arrested complaint to the Press Com-The back-cover promotion plaints Commission." adds: "Mickey Francis and his In the past couple of years brothers led an army of Manian police after attacking two a small industry has built up chester City thugs on a 15-year around the publications of trial of terror on the streets and books based on the reminisfootball terraces of Britain. last October. cences of soccer hooligans -"They fought scores of pitched battles with rival 'firms' some of whom have reformed. Most sell fewer than 10,000 until their violent reign was copies, but other authors, such brought to an end by the police as former hooligans Dougie ... Guvnors tells it the way it was and Eddy Brimson, who have in the heyday of the hooligan just published their fourth book, Derby Days - the game we love The book is dedicated "To all in 1996 it has gone on to sell boom areas in sports publishing. "They are not glorifying football The NCIS yesterday ap-140,000 copies. to hate, have sold about 100,000 the football firms that stood and "They are written by a very hooliganism. They have been Ian Marshall, the sports pubpealed to media outlets not to books. fought on the terraces". specific type of fan, but they working hard to come up One of the best-selling novlisher of Headline Publishing, One of their previous books, seem to have a much more genwith solutions to the problem of els about hooliganism, and one whose authors include the eral appeal among all football Capital Punishment, is, accordviolence.' ing to the promotional maternot written by one of the per-Brimson brothers, said: "In the fans." He added that he had been ial, "a remarkable and frank petrators, was the The Football past few years these type of He denied that the Brimapproached by an American serialised the new books to the examination of football vio-Factory, by John King. Published books have been one of the big sons' books glorified violence. agent to see whether he was in-

A tussie at the 1995 game between England and Ireland in Dublin, after which Dodd was arrested Photograph: Simon Mooney

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Vinnie Jones denies biting neighbour

THE WELSH international footballer Vinnie Jones bit. punched and kicked a neighbour in a late-night row over a stile, a court was told yesterday.

Timothy Gear, 27, a riding school owner from Redbourn, Hertfordshire, said that Mr Jones had punched him to the floor and stamped on his head.

Mr Jones, 33, also of Redbourn, agreed that an incident had occurred in the mobile home where Mr Gear lived last November. But he denied punching, kicking or biting and said he and Mr Gear had only "thrashed around".

In a hearing before magistrates in St Albans, Mr Jones pleaded not guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm and causing criminal damage.

The court was told that Mr Jones had built a stile and gate on the edge of his land to keep out motorcyclists. But he heard that Mr Gear had taken the stile down so that he could get some horses through the fence.

Mr Gear told the court that he was asleep at home at about 11pm on 11 November when he was awoken by a banging at the door. He had got up when the window of the caravan was smashed in. "I opened the door. Vincent Jones grabbed me by the shoulders and put his teeth into the top of my scalp," he said.

Mr Gear said he managed to push himself away from Jones and was then attacked again. He said Mr Jones, who is assistant player-manager at Queen's Park Rangers, had accompanied his assault with volleys of abuse.

Mr Gear said the attack ended after a neighbour intervened. He said he had hospital treatment for a cut lip, cut nose and bruising and facial swelling.

Mr Jones said he had learnt that Mr Gear had taken down his stile after spending the day shooting. He had seen Mr Gear's light on as he drove home and decided to discuss the issue there and then. He said that day he had drunk only one glass of red wine and part of a half-pint of Guinnesss.

He insisted that he had not intended to cause trouble, saying: "It was not a fight. It was more like a trial of strength."

The hearing was adjourned



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Race to reach **Afghanistan** quake survivors

in New Delhi

THE HARSH mountain terrain of northern Afghanistan echoed to the throbbing of United Nations and Red Cross helicopters yesterday, as the international effort to bring relief to the victims of Saturday's enormous

earthquake got under way. With dozens of villages more or less destroyed, and some of them completely buried, it is feared that at least 3,000 people have already died. Now the race is on to reach survivors in the far-flung and inaccessible communities affected, and ferry them to local hospitals or makeshift clinics set up by the relief organisations.

The force of the quake sent houses roaring down mountainsides into the valleys below.



There are estimates of up to 80 villages heavily damaged, and another dozen obliterated.

Aftershocks lingered in the region yesterday, sending frightened residents scrambling outdoors. Many people are many of the villagers were still refusing to return to homes still rebuilding mud huts damaged standing, said Sarah Russell, a or demolished in February. United Nations spokesperson in neighbouring Pakistan.

The aftershocks that continue to shudder through the reapart, keep people from moving back into their houses and remind a population already could easily strike," she said.

In Chaujan, a village near the

wandered through the rubble, these have in any case been dedazed. In the middle of the dev-stroyed by the earthquake. astation, a lone wooden door

The International Red Cross and the UN scrambled to establish mobile medical units in Shari Basurkh, about 50km (30 struck at night, when the vilmiles), from Faizabad, the capital of northern Badakhshan province. Many of the wounded loaded onto helicopters were elderly and small children.

Cargo aircraft from neighbouring Pakistan, packed with emergency supplies, reached the region yesterday.

As relief workers reach the hardest hit areas, they have begun worrying about the risk of diseases like malaria, because of the rain, Ms Russell said. Other health hazards include hemmhoragic fever and cholera, she said.

The French Foreign Ministry planned to send about 35 tons of humanitarian aid to nearby Dushanbe, Tajikistan, where it will be transported to the disaster area.

Soldiers hostile to the Taliban regime in Kabul, who control the stricken region, say they have removed 1,650 bodies, but they said thousands more people are dead.

When a huge earthquake hit the same area in February, the relief organisations were unable, due to freezing temperatures and ferocious storms, to reach the area for five days. This time around they were on the spot almost at once. Much of the logistical support set up in February was still in place - and

Cargo planes brought tents, food, medicines and other supplies to the airport in the town of Faizahad, and from there hegion, sometimes only minutes licopters took off to bring supplies to the stricken villages, and pick up casualties, many suffering broken limbs. The only traumatised ... that another roads in the region are rough tracks, impassable by motor vehicles even at the best of

Both earthquakes occurred between the towns of Faizabad and Rostaq. The events in February were particularly calamitous because the earthquake lagers were all indoors. Saturday's quake occurred during the day, when most people were working in the fields, and in the height of summer. But the earthquake, which measured 7.1 on the Richter scale, struck an area twice as large as that affected in February, and inhabited by twice as many people. February's disaster left about 4,000 people dead: Saturday's may turn out to have been

homes were flattened. People and mountain ponies. Many of Fans grounded as French pilots' strike kicks off

By John Lichfield in Paris

THE skies over France fell silent - or almost silent - yesterday. A strike by Air France pilots forced the cancellation of the vast majority of the airline's Cup - from Brazil, Chile, internal and foreign flights.

The day passed off peacefully. Most would-be travellers forced to switch their flights to seemed to have made other plans, taking trains or other airlines, or just staying at home. sterdam or Frankfurt. The Much greater disruption, and anger, can be expected today, when tens of thousands of people try to return home after the Pentecost long weekend.

With no early end to the strike in sight, it is looking bows before a few handfuls of more and more likely that the dispute will upset long-distance etan journalist, Georges Suffert, travel to the World Cup, which starts a week tomorrow.

own goal scored from the air was the French football squad, which was due to fly to Finland for its last pre-contest friendly match on Thursday. Its scheduled Air France flight has been cancelled. The French football authorities, like thousands of cut over three years. In return, to make alternative arrangements yesterday.

The largest pilots' union, which represents over 60 per cent of the state-owned airline's 3,200 pilots and navigators, is threatening to stay out until 15 June. likely to become even more five days after the World Cup begins. Five other smaller unions have declared a four- or five-day of the locomotives which posistrike, until the weekend, but

may prolong their action. have to leave their offices to serious threat.

take the controls. Scheduled, and special. flights for fans are, however, a different story.

The French government faces the embarrassment of watching many of the longerdistance travellers to the World Colombia, the United States, Japan and South Korea - being other airlines or other destinations, such as London or Amnewspaper Le Figuro described this yesterday as a national humiliation. "These people will never again place their trust in this bizarre country, which gives moral lessons to the planet, but wealthy [protesters]," the vetwrote in a front-page editorial.

Air France pilots earn up to Among the early victims - an £100,000 a year, 20 per cent more than British Airways pilots and 40 per cent more than those at Lufthansa. As part of the preparation of the airline for a partial privatisation this autumn, the pilots have been asked to take a 15 per cent pay other people, were scrambling they would be given shares in the part-floated company. The pilots say the demands are unacceptable; they claim shares in a part-privatised Air France are unlikely to be worth very much.

Moving around France is complicated later this week. Railway guards and the drivers tion carriages for passenger trains will be on strike on Fri-Air France is the "official air- day and part of Saturday. Some line" of the World Cup. It guar- small groups of railwaymen say antees that scores of special they will strike during the five team flights during the contest weeks of the World Cup itself will take place, even if executives but they are not regarded as a



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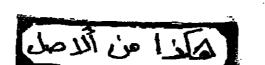
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are predicting an explosion by the autumn. In Lebanon, the betting is the detonation will occur in mid-summer. In Jerusalem, the Palestinians - and a large number of Israelis - fear the worst on an almost hourly basis. Palestinian-Israeli confrontations now occur several times daily - with almost the same frequency as they did during the intifada uprising that preceded the now-dead Oslo agreement. And still, incredibly, oil is being poured upon the fire.

The latest provocation against the Arabs has been the work of United States House speaker Newt Gingrich, whose flirtation with Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, has included a motorcade past the proposed site of an American embassy in Jerusalem - anathema to any peace-maker who believes that Jerusalem's future must be decided under the terms of the Oslo agreement - and an insistence that Israel, and only Israel, can decide how much occupied land should be returned to the Palestinians. Yasser Arafat, according to Mr Gingrich, is to blame for the virtual collapse of the "peace process".

This, of course, is news to the Europeans who are warning with ever more desperation that the Middle East is approaching disaster. The European Union itself is considering whether Israel should be blocked from all future trade concessions with Europe because of its settlements policy - EU diplomats were provide the Netanyahu cabinet outraged to find that produce arriving in Europe from the evergrowing Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza was being labelled "made in Israel" while President Jacques Chirac ready, Israeli "intelligence has been infuriated by Mr Netanvahu's rejection of his offer of a "Saviours of Peace" con-



President Mubarak in Paris two

weeks ago. The Israeli army has already staged a computer projection of the violence which could soon break out on the West Bank and Gaza. Another wicked suicide bomb by a Palestinian might with a reason to re-take West Bank towns - in a search, no doubt, for "terrorists" - where they would be confronted by Mr Arafat's armed policemen. Alsources" (for which read the Israeli army's chief of staff) have been telling the Jerusalam Post

smuggling rocket-propelled grenades - "even missiles" through a series of tunnels link-

ing Gaza to Egypt. This fantasy - all the odder since Israel itself insisted on controlling the Palestine-Egyptian border beneath which this subterranean burrowing has supposedly taken place - helps to set the stage for the battle to come. Even history is being re-written with this apparent aim. When in 1996, Israeli artillerymen slaughtered 106 Lebanese refugees sheltering in a United Nations position at Qana in southern Lebanon, they claimed they ference, launched with Egyptian that Mr Arafat may have been were shooting at Hizbollah gun-

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men at least 600 feet from the UN barracks. Last month, however, Israel's representative at the UN, Zvi Cohen, claimed, untruthfully, that the Hizbollah had been using the UN position as "their headquarters". This astonishing and mendacious statement went unchallenged. If Mr Cohen actually meant what he said, however, the implications are appalling - that Israel deliberately fired at the UN compound, something it has hitherto always denied. What will happen to the UN soldiers north of the Israeli border if the expected conflict spreads to Lebanon?

Israeli officers involved in the

end-of-peace computer projection in the West Bank say that there would be massive bloodshed, with hundreds, perhaps thousands, dead. Yet Mr Arafat is still, according to Israel, not doing enough to "crack down on terrorism", even though the PLO leader has detained at least 70 Hamas members since 29 March (the day on which the Hamas leader Muhi al-Din al-Sharif was mysteriously killed) - most of whom, according to Amnesty International, were cruelly tortured by the PLO in prisons in Ramallah and Jericho.

At least 12 men have been

murdered in Palestinian custody

-all held for questioning about "membership of an illegal or-"threats to Israel's security" though not a word of criticism of this appalling abuse of human rights has come from the US. Nor about Israel's now overt decision to hold 22 Lebanese as hostages in return for information about the fate of missing Israeli servicemen. Of these 22, one has been held for 12 years; notorious Khiam jail by Israel's proxy Lebanese militia allies, Ali

ganisation" and military training inside Lebanon. When he was due for release

in 1991, he was put under "administrative detention" and Israel admits that he and the other 21 Lebanese are now held solely as "bargaining chips".

American cowardice - in the face of the immensely poworiginally imprisoned in the erful Jewish lobby in the US has produced a situation in which Washington remains Hussein Ali Ammar was then supinely silent while Mr Nesecretly - and illegally, under in- tanyahu, according to the Israeli ternational law-transferred to paper Yediot Ahronot, threatens Israel where he was sentenced "to "burn Washington", should to four-and-a-half years for President Bill Clinton attempt the second.

cent withdrawal from occupied Arab land.

All the while, the State Department and the US press talk about "putting the peace process back on track", the tiredest and most untruthful metaphor in recent Middle East history. And still American journalists refuse to explain how or why the "peace process" has collapsed. Indeed, only last week, Richard Cohen was telling Washington Post readers that "on any given day, it looks as if a deal can be reached".

Could anything be further from the truth? Subconsciously, perhaps, the world is beginning to understand the nature of the nightmare scenario confroating the Middle East.

Hitherto, it has been a habit to distance Arab populations from their dictators when attacking Arab countries - before bombing their cities, Presidents Reagan and Bush respectively assured Libyans and Iraqis that Washington had no argument with them personally. It was an acknowledgement of the lack of democracy in the Arab world. Now, oddly, this same practice is being applied to Israel; we are repeatedly told how many Israelis disagree with Mr Netanyahu, how many American Jews dissociate themselves from the Israeli government's policies - as if the Netanyahu cabinet is an Arab-style dictatorship rather than the much-trumpeted democracy Israel always claims to be.

In this way, the West, too, may be preparing itself for another conflict in the Middle East, one from which the Israeli people are already absolved. In the Arab world, the fear is simpler: that Mr Netanyahu and his government are trying to provoke a war that will prove Oslo is dead, and that the Arabs will be blamed. They can be sure of

Prince Abdullah on summit mission I HE Saudi Crown Prince Admit should forge a unified dullah arrived in Jordan yes- twice with Syrian President terday for talks aimed at Hafez Assad to persuade him

the proposed summit on the Middle East peace process.

resolving differences between to accept an open agenda at the key Arab leaders in relation to summit, Arab diplomats said.

A similar demand has been made by Jordan and some Gulf

Arab position against Israel. Talaat Hamid, spokesman

for the 22-member Arab League, said in Cairo that consultations are under way between Arab leaders about the

An Egyptian weekly news paper reported that Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Egypt have all offered to host the summit.

The meeting was proposed by the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat following the break-

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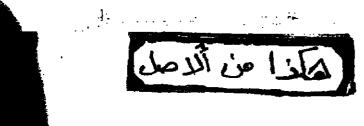
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Ex-president's sex trial grips Zimbabwe

THE APPER green "Chairman Iao" suit spoke of his days a radical black liberation leade The walking stick painted withe Zimbabwean national colors of red, green, black and gold priured up memories of won't help, writes Africa despots such as Hastings Bandof Malawi. And the chauffeur-riven purple Mercedes Benzhat bore former president Jando the Harare High Court yestelay suggested a confidence onlyslightly compromised by

effe arrogance. Wen the charges against the forer Methodist minister and theogy professor, it was just as welhat Mr Banana was putting on arave face. For the former Zinabwean president is being trieon 11 charges of sodomy, attepted sodomy and indecent assalt, in a country where the curint President, Robert Muup ti-homosexual feeling to a nana intimidated him often.

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A mortuary of athological lies nd a malicious endetta of vilification'

Gy and Lesbian Association of Inbabwe exhibiting at the fair, missing them as an "associan of sodomists and sexual

sses the state is calling to give haviour first emerged. Dube be roundly booed by the crowd. as accused of murdering a felon he told the court that his ctim had taunted him by callourt accepted Dube's explaation as mitigating circumtances, sentenced him to 10 ears for the murder, and orllegations against Mr Banana

Dube yesterday told the court in the morning by the students. ow the former president had id on a game of cards, alcohol ad ballroom music at State jouse before the first attack.

dered me whisky, we played

Canaan Banana is accused of sodomy. Mugabe's rhetoric

said. "In relation to some of the

complainants, [if] his overtures

were turned down ... he would

cause them to be penalised un-

der the guise that they had com-

The state's witnesses include

Vice President Simon Muzen-

da and some former army and

police chiefs. Mr Banana is

calling 10 witnesses in his de-

The former president held

fence, including his wife, Janet.

office from 1980 - the year of

Zimbabwe's independence -

minister Robert Mugabe be-

The case continues today.

came executive president.

mitted acts of misconduct."

James Roberts Canin Banana and his wife a French kiss before I broke away from him." Dube said.

Dube said that during the second attack, also at State House. to 1987 when the then prime Banana had given him a soft drink, Fanta, which he suspected was spiked with drugs.

"I felt dizzy after a while. Then he was all over me, kissing and removing my clothes. I woke up the next morning on the carpet, with semen on my buttocks and thighs," he said. "When I got home, I wept at the attack and I have suffered since gab has done his best to whip then," he added, saying Mr Ba-

Dube said he was detained for three days in 1984 when he dodged Mr Banana's advances.

In court last year, describing the incident in which he thought his drink had been spiked, mabeings? Can human beings Dube told how he awoke at dawn, on the carpet, trouserless but covered by a duvet. Mr Baauence at a Harare book fair nana was standing over him, half-naked and smiling. "We have helped ourselves," he is alleged to have said to Dube.

Out of court Mr Banana has dismissed all suggestions he is homosexual as "a mortuary of pathological lies and a malicious vendetta of vilification and character assassination".

A number of allegations have also been made by former members of Mr Banana's football team, the State House Tornadoes. Mr Banana was the team's patron and chief fund-August. He prevented the raiser, and used to train with the players on their home pitch, in the presidential palace grounds.

As president of the Zimbabwean Football Association, he attended every game at the na-The first of the 40 or so wit- tional stadium, and greeted all the players after the match. idence was Jefta Dube, dur- This custom came to a humilig whose trial last year the al- ating end when he walked on to pations of Mr Banana's the pitch to meet the players, to

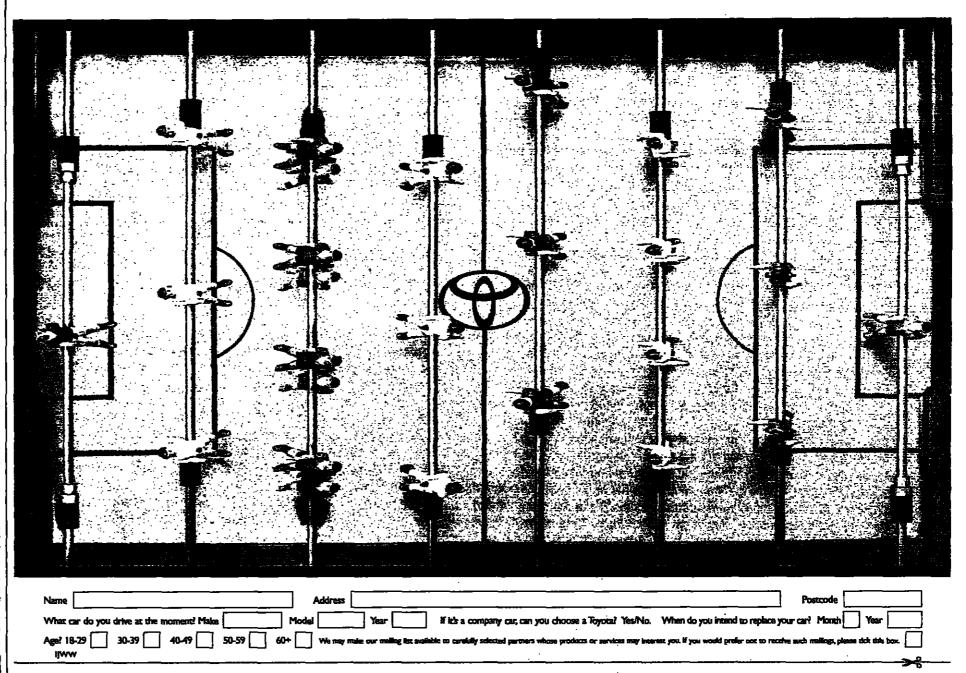
Police investigations have w policeman, and in mitiga- also attracted scores of complaints from past and present students at the University of g him "Banana's wife". The Zimbabwe where Mr Banana was professor of theology. According to a fellow professor, Mr Banana was a regular visitor to the students' hostel after dark, ered a police inquiry into the and on at least one occasion was chased out of the bostel at three

> The chief state prosecutor, Augustine Chikumira, yesterday insisted that the former head of state had abused his authority

"He invited me to dinner. He in his homosexual assaults. "Taking advantage of his posiords. He offered to teach me tion, he coaxed a number of bllroom music and during the men into sexual activities which duce he was pressing his erect they did not approve and which pris against mc. He gave me they resisted," Mr Chikumira

Canaan Banana, the former president of with his wife, janet, at the High Court in Mr Banana is facing Il charges of sodomy and indecent assault Photograph: Howard **Burdict/Reuters**

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3otha blamed for killings

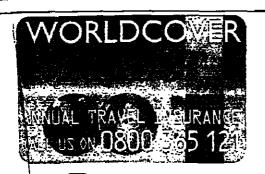
N OFFICIAL of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission esterday indirectly blamed former President PW Botha for ne killings of black activists during the apartheid era.

Mr Botha is on trial for ignoring a summons to appear beore the Truth Commission, which is investigating human rights buses during apartheid. But the trial - the first of a former outh African head of state - has focused on Mr Botha's role s chairman of the State Security Council, which co-ordinated security crackdown on black liberation groups.

Swiss help for Hitler's army

A REPORT by United States government historians concludes hat much of the gold looted by the Nazis went through the wiss National Bank in Switzerland to pay other neutral naions for supplies that sustained Hitler's army in the final years of World War Two, the New York Times reported.

The newspaper said the report, published today, doubles to \$300m - now worth \$2.6bn (£1.6bn) - the US estimate of how nuch gold was held in a Nazi account that also received Holoaust victims' valuables. The report details the role that a large proportion of the gold played in securing Nazi war needs from Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. — Reuters, New York



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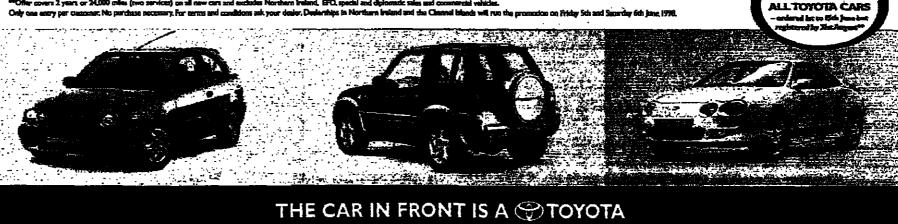
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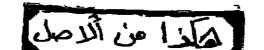
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Einstein letters reveal liaison with Soviet spy

By David Usborne in New York

NINE love letters that are to be sold at auction in New York later this month reveal a liaison that took place between Albert Einstein and a married Russian woman in the United States in the closing months of World War II that may have been a good deal more dangerous than the physicist ever realised.

All the letters were written by Einstein, the father of the Albert Einstein (above) had theory of relativity, to Margarita Konenkova between 1945 Margarita Konenkova and 1946. They have been passed on to Sotheby's, the auction house, by an unnamed relative of Konenkova. With other mementoes of the affair. they will be sold on 26 June.

The missives reveal a man smitten with a woman who at the time was married to the Russian sculptor Sergei Konenkov. She had apparently also had had an affair with Sergei Rachmaninov. Whether the relationship began before or after the death in 1936 of Einstein's second wife, Elsa, it is not

Much more likely to stir fascination in the sale, however, are suggestions that Konenkova was a Russian spy and Soviet diplomats in New York Tasks. was part of her mission.

Konenkova's secret side was, according to the New York



an affair with Russian spy



Needham, a consultant to Sotheby's. Mr Needham stumbled on references to her in a 1995 book written by Soviet spymaster Pavel Sudoplatov and his that introducing Einstein to son Anatoly, called Special

gests, had been directed by Moscow to pay special attention Times, uncovered first by Paul to the Manhattan Project. garita.

Robert Oppenheimer at a secret installation in the New Mexico desert called Los Alamos, the Manhattan Project was the cradle of America's atomic bomb.

According to Special Tasks, Konenkova was supposed to 'influence Oppenheimer and other prominent American scientists who she met at Princeton". Princeton University was home at the time to Einstein. It is known that she succeeded in introducing Einstein to the Soviet consul in New York.

There is nothing in Einstein's letters, all written in German, to suggest that the author had any notion of Konenkova's role as a spy. And since Einstein had no direct role in the Manhattan Project, it seems improbable that he could have belped, consciously or otherwise, in Moscow's effort to build their own bomb. Instead, the letters reveal a

soppy side to Einstein that has barely been seen before. In one, dated 27 November 1945. he writes: "Just recently I washed my head by myself, but not with the greatest success; I am not as careful as you are. But everything here reminds me of you: 'Almar's' shawl, the dictionaries, the wonderful pipe that we thought was gone, and really all the many little things Konenkova, the book sug- in my hermit's cell". "Almar", it is supposed, is an elision of the first names Albert and Mar-



ened to a war zone in the wake of Saturday's tornado, which left six people dead and 150 injured Photograph: Reute

Twister sweeps in with deadly stealth

usually have a little time - to tape the windows, bring the kennel in and get out of town. Tornadoes may be many thousand times smaller, but they are also infinitely more stealthy. The weather services try to get the warnings out, but pinpointing a twister is a difficult science, writes David Usborne in New York.

Ask the people of Spencer. South Dakota, who awoke on scribes it the same way: a freight

town all but obliterated. A quarter-mile-wide tornado swept into the tiny community at 8.32 pm on Friday; although a warning was issued 13 minutes ear-

On nights like that, it is often only the noise that announces the approach of a tornado. Everyone who has heard that noise de-

and confirmed the 1998 tornado season as one of the dead- 315 people killed by tornadoes, the death toll since January a "super-outbreak" when 148 lier, almost no one had learnt of from tornado strikes to 121, tornadoes touched down in 14 more than double the number killed in the whole of 1997 and 365 per cent greater than the 26 ed as a factor in this year's

deaths recorded in 1996. This year's death toll is cer-

WITH a hurricane, at least, you Saturday morning to find their train coming. The Spencer in the US in 1984. The worst when most tornadoes strike tragedy left six residents dead year in recent memory, howev- driven by collisions between er, was 1974, which ended with liest in recent history. It brought many of whom perished during vading the US from Canada. states in 24 hours.

Although El Nino has ben citstormy season, it is unclear how tain to move past the 122 killed This is often the time of year risk, leaving 18 dead.

warm, moist air moving up from the South and cold, dry air in-

Another feature of this year, has been the unusually wide spread of tornadic activity over the US. The storm system that struck Spencer, continued to spawn tornadoes in parts of much it has really been to blame. New England not normally at

Poll paves way for Montenegro to loosen ties with Serbia

By Rupert Cornwell

PRESIDENT Slobodan Milosevic has suffered a heavy blow to his waning authority over what remains of the old Yugoslavia, with the decisive vic-

tions in Serbia's smaller sister the 78-seat assembly in the variety of smaller parties. republic of Montenegro.

counted, the reformist coalition the Milosevic protégé Momir of Montenegro's President Milo Bulatovic, is likely to finish

capital Podgorica. Its main op-With almost all the vote ponent, the socialist party led by

Sunday's parliamentary elec-majority of at least 40 seats in with the remainder going to a a "significant improvement"

Most significantly the election appears to have been fair by Yugoslav standards, with observers from the Organisation Djukanovic had won almost 50 with some 36 per cent of the for Security and Co-operation tory of reformist progressives in per cent - giving it an outright vote and no more than 31 seats, in Europe (OSCE) deeming it

on earlier polls.

The result seems certain to see Montenegro putting further distance between itself and the repressive nationalist regime conflict with Albanian sepa-

Serbian province of Kosovo.

Montenegro had shown "the wisdom, courage and resolve to idle. Technically, the Monresist those who had decided to enslave it", Mr Djukanovic told in Belgrade, now embroiled in his jubilant supporters yesterday representatives in the upper -vowing that his republic would house of the federal Yugoslav

ratists in the tinderbox southern not only move towards Europe, but take Serbia with it.

> tenegrin and Serbian parliaments have an equal number of

parliament in Belgrade which elects Mr Milosevic. The latter's The boast is not entirely trump card however could be the role of Mr Bulatovic as federal prime minister, in which capacity he could order a clampdown in Montenegro if Mr Milosevic



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Clinton aides set to testify over Lewinsky

cleared the way for two top aides to testify in the investigation into his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, writes Andrew Marshall in Washington.

The President was effectively conceding another legal reverse

BILL CLINTON last night in the fight to clear his name over allegations of witness-tampering. Mr Clinton tried to claim that his conversations with Bruce Lindsey and Sidney Blumenthal were covered by executive privilege. But he has been outmanoeuvred by Kenneth Starr, the indepen-

dent counsel. Mr Starr is investigating claims that Mr Clinton had an affair with former White House intern Ms Lewinsky, 24, and that he and his advisors persuaded her to lie about it.

A US judge ruled that the aides were not covered by ex-

ecutive privilege, leaving Mr Clinton the chance of appealing. Mr Starr had asked the US Supreme Court to make an urgent ruling, thus bypassing the appeals process. Reports yesterday said that the President was expected to drop the appeal.



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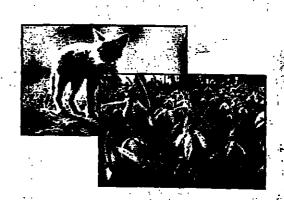
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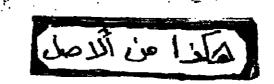


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Let the ceremony begin

Vdodoo services were once demonised ard suppressed. Now they are being brought to the stage a performance art. But is it the real thing? y Philip Sweeney

ON A SWELTERING afternoon in nerue Marcajoux, Port au Prince, n laiti, having paid £40 for the arrngements, I set off with Edgard Jea-Louis, houngan (voodoo prist), from his funeral parlour to atted an example of the voodoo relious service, "Vodou Nation", he as taken to Britain.

by the time we arrive at the honfo (temple), a tropical downpor is forming streams in the mud allys and drumming on the metal rol. "This is okay," he says. "We wat to call cooler Iwa, not violent spits, and the rain will encourage

The hounfo is made of concrete ad corrugated metal with a dirt flor, decorated in red and green part and paper streamers. A teleobne sits beside the vital central pe, the poteau mitan, down which th spirits will make their way.

The three drummers and the fenale servants start the series of rual rhythms and incantations, poctuated with choruses of the vodoo Amen, Ay-bobo!. A segence of prayers to Catholic saints, te trickling, through Edgard's long, gunt and expert fingers, of the yelly powder to trace a veve, or symbl of the specific Iwa. The initiates cde in a slow, swaying dance, nound the pole.

Suddenly, Edgard's cousin, Jeanoni, staggers, half-falls and reels lping and twitching to a small pair, on which he proceeds to proal himself around the floor, aided punting motions with a large stick. gwe, the spirit of water and shiping, whose vere Edgard just traced, as taken possession of Jean-Romi nd is rowing himself around the

A succession of other Iwa follow:)amballab, the snake god, writhing his human receptacle on the floor; zaka, the peasant, whose denim ork-clothes Papa Doc Duvalier's onton Macoutes used to affect;)gou Feraille, the warlike alter ego of Saint James, brandishing his cutass and charging hither and thither.

Halfway through the ceremony. he coquette spirit Erazulie, in ossession of a stocky and powerul matron, decides she wants to ondle some white ass. There is only me specimen present, perched up in a concrete ledge for better iewing - and to avoid situations ke this.

"Descends de là, mon blanc!" arks Erzulie, quivering below me ke a hound who has cornered a accoon up a tree, and I jump dutially down to be manhandled, hairuffled, and relieved of a two-dollar ribute by the goddess who, incientally, is a distant cousin, in eclesiastical terms, of Princess Diana.

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light back at the Enterprise Funeraire at Ste Philomène, where we sit by a large blue coffin to talk and to inspect Edgard's sequinned voodoo flags. The pantheon of spirits worshipped in voodoo includes not the age of 30. Now he officiates at the dozen only mythical beings from the old

Dahomey, but deified ancestors and historical figures. Edgard is in the process of incorporating into his latest work the image of the late Princess, whom he considers an embodiment of Erzulie: not the rough, black, sexy Erzulie I tangled briefly with, but a white regal manifestation, closer to the Virgin Mary - Erzulie's Catholic equivalent. Edgard speaks slowly and seriously, keen to co-operate to

the maximum. How did he become a houngan? The son of a baker, he did badly at school, plagued by headaches until

problem as spirit-inspired. As he accepted his vocation, the headaches gradually ceased and he went through the various stages of initiation until he became a houngan at

voodoo feasts a year plus special cer-African cults of Benin and emonies whenever a devotee is prepared to stump up the necessary money for drinks, transport and animals if a sacrifice is to be included. The issue of performance

voodoo, and its authenticity, is clearly of central importance. The Port au Prince suburb of Mariani still contains the large blue building where once Max Beauvoir, a prominent society houngan and intimate of Baby Doc Duvalier, entertained well-heeled initiates and tourists before being obliged to decamp to the US on Duvalier's overthrow. Edgard disapproved of

ing with the same career move? Seeking clarification, I consult some academic experts on voodoo,

of whom there is no shortage.

could undermine authenticity. "If no one is actually possessed, but there is an audience paying to see pos-From New York, Professor session, there is obviously going to

reels, yelping and twitching, to a chair, on which he propels himself around the floor aided by punting motions with a large stick

Suddenly, Jean-Roni staggers, half-falls and

sociologist, sees no problem with voodoo ritual as a spectacle. "If it's a voodoo ceremony it will be genuine, even if staged specially," he says. But Professor Gage Averill,

Gerdes Fleurant, a houngan and be pressure to simulate possession," he says.

Whatever the result, this pressure can only increase, because voodoo's cultural acceptance has never been higher. Born of African

"anti-superstition campaigns", manipulated by the Duvaliers' regime to create fear and suspicion, voodoo was finally made an official religion in 1987. For the past decade and a half,

racines music - a sort of voodoo rock developed by middle-class bands such as Boukman Eksperyans has spread to "world music" markets around the world, and Port au Prince now has a weekly radio programme, Radio Ginen, which is devoted entirely to voodoo-based popular music.

A major exhibition, the "Sacred Art of Voodoo", is currently touring prestigious US galleries. Now the voodoo ceremony itself is becoming performance. Last year, a prominent Haitian mambo (female priest) Madame Nerval, brought a sort of voodoo review to France, estab-

in blazing pools of r of Ogou Feraille).

Edgard Jean-Louis (top),

who leads the performance

titled 'Vodou Nation'; fires

(left); musicians beat out

the ritual rhythms (below) Photographs: Leah Gordon

are lit to summon up spirits

Even the British Foreign Office, it seems, is not immune to the lure of the Iwa. Edgard's group repeats with unceasing delight the heroic fable of one Alan Robson, Her Majesty's Consul in Jamaica, who was sent to Port au Prince to doublecheck the large group of highly dubious UK visa applications.

After two days of apparently sceptical interviews, the voodooists were in despair of getting permission to visit London when Mr Robson eventually asked to see what exactly these people did.

Whether it was Damballah, the snake god, or big, black Erzulie who finally got to him no one is saying, but a reportedly overwhelmed Mr Robson granted all the visas on

A nasty attack of festivalitis

n a faminhouse bedroom near Hay-on-Wye, Michael Glover realises he is sick of the literary circle

HE MOMENT I wake up, I recognise rat there is something seriously wrong. omething appears to have gone amiss xistentially. Am I turning French peraps? I walk across to the window to neck the scene.

The brilliant blue tractor (shining ven more brilliantly in the rain this norming) is still there, parked side on the barn, looking like some scaledp dinky toy or some dear illustration rom a Postman Pat picture-book.

And that hutch of ferrets is still beide the car those fierce, mink-blonde reauties - few women ever had such gorsecusity sangy nails - that I have gone nut to inspect from time to time. They lamber up the wire netting with such actionient when they see me observing hem, hipping that, after all, I may be omething bite-size. Being sensible, I dis-

appoint them every time. No, a can't be that then. I'm still here a this farmhouse bedroom in Hay-on-Wye. I have not been physically displaced. And then it strikes me, what the real reason is for this weird sense of vertigo and nausea and anxiety, such an unpicassut minure of extreme states. I am, ufter all, suffering from something very familiar to me, something that has attacked me before in such places as Cheltenham, St Andrews and ... well, yes,

here, too, of course. I am suffering from an acute attack of festivalitis.

I have been at this festival for about five days, and today my dear and distinguished colleague John Walsh will turn up, as sure as San Francisco bestraddles the San Andreas fault line. Even as I think these thoughts, I see him, the dear, dear man, in my mind's eye,

The whole damnable chat-pack can join hands and jump into some deep pool

cranking up the old Buick Six in that cream double garage of his somewhere well off the beaten track in Dulwich, the pockets of his linen jacket well stuffed

But what, in essence, is this disease? with talk tapes. What are its causes and its symptoms? And what is its cure? Pestivalitis is brought on by an over-exposure to literary people at literary fests such as this

one. And you tend to suffer worst from this one because it is, generally speaking, the longest and the busiest. Late spring Hay Fever knocks that oh-sofamiliar autumnal Cheltenham Malaise into a cocked hat.

This week, I have seen them talking about themselves and their epic achievements to other epic achievers; and I have seen them, when in states of mild, lateevening distress, talking to themselves alone above some Portakabin mirror.

I have seen them being interviewed by the ingratiating; fêted and applauded by the ignorant. I have seen them signing their books and, between one signature and the next, tossing off some glib, toothsome answer to the world's most intractable problems. And the owner of the precious signed copy, 20 quid and spiritually lighter, has gone away happy and personally blessed.

I have listened to the Australian novelist Peter Carey telling us how vile and conscienceless novelists are as a breed. How they have no qualms whatsoever about plundering whatever they happen to see, or intuit, in the faces of friends or loved ones - or ex-loved ones - in the higher interests of literature.

I have seen them flashing through the streets of this modest market town in their official cars, and even leaning far

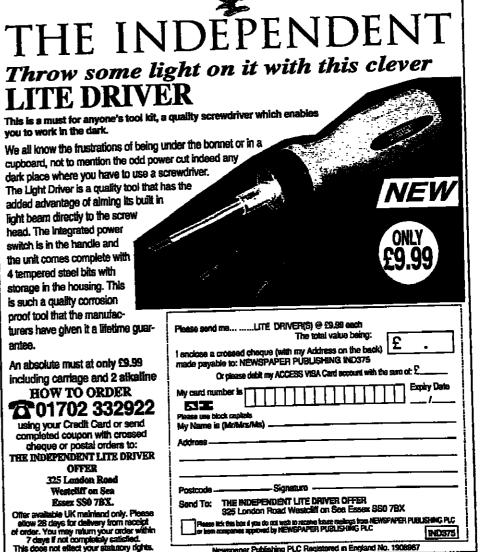
out of those same cars' windows in desperate, random bids for attention. Can a single wave - or even a single pensioner's mild coo - be worth an arm in peace time?

I have listened to David Hare spilling his two-a-penny secrets about the West End stage, and I have felt secretly vindicated by the sudden appearance of some sheep dog in the entrance to the marquee - and twice, thrice vindicated when that same sheep dog has proved to be Hare's most attentive listener.

And now I am sick up to here with all. Now it is back to the smoke - the filth, the violence, the pollution of lives fully lived. As far as I am concerned, the whole damnable literary chat-pack can join hands and jump into some deep, local Arthurian pool. And may a thousand Excaliburs be poised, upright, to receive their tenderest parts.

Yes, the entire self-serving, selfcongratulatory circus is quite ridiculous. Why choose these and not others, for example? The whole thing is so absurdly, so calculatedly random. Yes - I must say it again, and a little louder this time why choose these and not other novelists, poets, dramatists?

What did they do with my own CV,



Helen and Craig have made a pilgrimage to Preston. They're part of the fastest growing congregation in the world

AS congregations in the Church of England collapse to an all-time low, the Mormons - officially known as Church of 30 years ago after a missionary Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, appear to be going forth and multiplying far more effectively. The number of practising Mormons in Britain has Fifties to 180,000 today. Worldwide membership of the church has topped the 10 million mark.

The Mormon church was founded in 1830 in New York State. Missionaries came to Britain in 1837 and preached their first sermon in Preston, Lancashire and it was only in the late 1840s that they trekked to Salt Lake Valley in Utah, now the church's international headquarters. Mormons place a big emphasis on missionary work nearly 1,600 missionaries serve in Britain - and on the family as a basic unit of society. Family relationships, they believe, continue into eternity.

Now Preston is the focus again. Next Sunday, 7 June, the Latter-Day Saints, as they prefer to be called, will dedicate their second largest temple in the world. Not in Utah, but in Chorley, just outside Preston. For the past two weeks, it has been open house at the new temple. More than 100,000 visitors stepped inside before it was closed forever to the uninitiated. About half were paid-up members of the Mormon church (no pun intended, but members pay ten per cent of their income to the church.)

American descendants of the first missionaries. The rest of the visitors had come out of curiosity, to feast their eyes on the interior of a building which is rumoured to have cost be-

blow your socks off, I promise you. There's been nothing like it since the Temple of Solomon," promised Bryan Grant, who became a Mormon

By Clare Garner

knocked on his door.

The 35-carat gold trumpeting angel at the top of the temple's steeple can be seen from miles around. The building itrisen from 6,500 in the mid-self bears down on motorists whizzing along the M61 below, a testament to the growth of the church, particularly locally.

"The church in Chorley has doubled in the last year," said Mr Gould, now the church's director of public affairs. "There are 280 worshippers each Sunday. They're going to have to divide the ward into two congregations. Over the last quarter of a century we have opened a new congregation somewhere

'The font will blow your socks off. There's been nothing like it since the Temple of Solomon'

in Britain every two to three weeks, and a new chapel every six weeks."

utes and we're all Americans."

mons with British accents in the queue last week. Take, for example, Margaret Bridges, a 47-year-old civil servant from Bristol, who converted seven months ago. "Three weeks af-

ter I found out about the church I joined, and three weeks after that I was baptised. It was the best move I've ever made," she enthused. "I just knew I had to join. I went in, saying my first prayer and singing my first hymn, and thought: 'I've got to do this'."

Ms Bridges was brought up in the Church of England, but never felt inclined to pursue that faith. "The Mormon church is not so much a church as a way of life," she said. "It's not something you do for an hour on a Sunday. You get up with it on Monday morning and go to bed with it on Sunday night."

Since becoming a Mormon. Ms Bridges has felt much calmer. "Everybody looks after each other," she said. "You all live by the same rules so you know this lady [pointing to the woman standing next to her] will be doing exactly what I'm

Mormons are law-abiding citizens, who follow a health code which forbids stimulants such as tea, coffee, alcohol, harmful drugs and tobacco. They attend weekly services on Sundays in a chapel, also the

Helen and Craig are among the tens of thousands of visitors to have travelled to the new temple to marvel at the baptismal font (centre right) and the Celestial Room (bottom right) knew is that they wear suits and

are American, and I don't know much more now," she said, "It's more like a hotel than a church. All those chandeliers. It's not really religious. The way ly home."

Helen Sadler, 17, took the day off college to visit the temple with her Mormon boyfriend, Craig Collier, 19, a funeral director, whom she met a year ago. Whenever she accompanies Craig to church she says, she feels that: "I want to be a part of this. I want some of that goodness."

son that the Mormon faith is ex-

emerged none the wiser. "All I ones, that is. Monday evenings are set aside worldwide for "family home" evenings.

> Couples have their marriage vows "extended for eternity" in the "Sealing Room" One of 150 rooms in the temgive the feeling of eternity". "This to me is the pinnacle of

their ancestors. "We admit we don't know whether our great, great grandfather wants to be baptised," said Mr Gould, "but Mr Gould spoke with pride of the materials: the American

tribes of Israel, Here Mormons

perform baptisms on behalf of

cherry wood, the crystal chanthe temple," explained Mr deliers from Austria, the font

health spa. The foot rests on the

A session lasts two hours and includes instruction on "the three great questions of life" where did I come from? why am I here? where am I going?

Armed with the answers, the Mormons proceed from the Endowment Room to the Celestial Room where they can "ponder the purpose of life" in an ambience designed to give

The Mormon church is a way of life – not just something you do for an hour

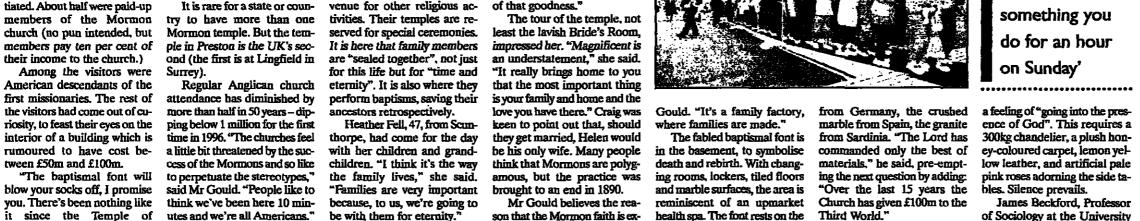
of Sociology at the University

movements and the public's reaction to them, believes that the combination of efficient marketing and its emphasis on family life accounts for the growth of Mormonism.

"Someone coming cold to the Mormon religion is of fered a ready-made, friendly, community atmosphere where they can simply slot in and everyone shakes their hand and is nice to them. It's seductive and some people respond well to that very direct marketing approach. I think Mormon evangelists do what people who have taken courses in salesmanship and marketing do. But that is not say they are not doing it sincerely.

"It is the kind of religion in which all members of the family are expected to participate. It's an all-purpose community. Mormons like to have singsongs around the piano. They do all the things that, if you read the community studies of British village life in the pre-war period, we used to do."

Asked whether the world was soon going to be taken over by Mormons, Mr Grant replied swiftly: "2036. We've worked it out. Well, that's if we continue





The time: 1991 The place: Natal, South

The man: Simon Singh, author of Fermat's Last Theorem

"WALKING on to the plane for South Africa was the first time I had ever been really frightened of how whites would treat me. I'd never thought of it growing up as an Indian in Somerset.

Nelson Mandela had just been released and I got involved with an organisation that was trying to help with education and development. I'd spent the last six years hidden in a lab, one of which was 500m under a mountain in Geneva, doing nothing but science - and had no idea what else I was capable of. Twenty-six is the age where you start asking what you want to do with the rest of your life. This was my time out to think. South Africa was still a very

turbulent country with the

ANC fighting the Zulu party. The Group Areas Act coloureds, Indians and whites living in different areas - was still in place. Up until that moment I had been politically naive about issues of race. Somerset is very cosy and comfortable; my family had been

that matters is whether you can do the work. Fortunately, by the time I landed, the government made a statement that the Group Areas Act would be repealed, so I could live with my colleagues. However, I was still worried what people would think of me

there since the Fifties and we'd been made very welcome. In science, race is not an issue. All

mixing with white people in the white township. Especially While they were learning, I when I shared accommodawas beginning to learn about tion with two white women myself. Teaching allowed me to teachers. In England nobody clear my head, and ask not only would look twice, but in South whether I wanted to continue Africa, inter-racial relationwith my esoteric and abstract ships were still taboo. Any exbranch of pure science but

cuse to cause trouble was taken advantage of.

Each day we would enter the Zulu homelands to teach at three of their schools. To start off with, everybody stared at me, the Zulus were convinced I was white because I was taller and lighter-skinned than the South African Indians.

The teaching was very old fashioned with everything by rote, so when I wrote on the blackboard, the pupils would just copy it down. Unfortunately the majority often did not understand elementary ideas, like how a pendulum swings, because they had missed out on chunks of education. It was hard work but I loved seeing students' eyes light up when something dicked.

enough? I wasn't sure that I could make a real contribution; there are only a few pioneers who break down frontiers while



everybody else fills in the gaps. I thought: if you can't do

more importantly: am I good something great, what is the point? For example, I have never been to a dinner party because I don't know what to say or how to behave - and if I'm not very good at something, I don't like doing it. More im-

portantly, I wanted to do something that only I could do. I knew that if I stayed in physics there were lots of people who could fill my shoes. It was a real dilemma. All my life I had wanted to do fundamental science, at eight when my sister asked my ambition, I replied 'to be a nuclear physicist', so to abandon that completely was giving up a dream.

I found the solution through one of my Zulu pupils. He had no concept of basic arithmetic. although 16, and couldn't even cope with negative numbers...] can still picture exactly where he sat in my bare classroom. I decided that, whatever happened, I would get through to him, and what's more, I would set a test and he would get 100 per cent. So while his classmates had their breaks, we would sit down together and go over

everything again and again. Finally, I set my test, the last question was asked and they'd swapped papers to mark each other's work. Holding my breath, I went through the register collecting the results and called out his name: Blessed Sibisi, and he had 10 out of 10. From that single moment I knew I could teach and, more important, had the patience.

In my book, when Wiles solves Fermat's Last Theorem, it is the high point of his life -it is ecstasy and, as a scientist, unbeatable. I also loved just understanding, communicating and breaking down the natural prejudices people have towards science.

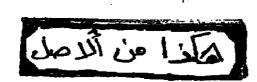
Returning home, I decided to take my talent for teaching onto a bigger scale and apply for jobs in the media. On hearing that I had a job with the BBC; I leapt up and spiked a light bulb with my hair. I could smell my hair burning and I was covered in glass, but was

thrilled at the opportunity. Sikhs are not particularly philosophical people, we do well in business, the military and the professions - so particle physics seemed a little airy-fairy. My grandfather and father were both farmers, and although my parents respected my choices, they did not understand the point. But going into television: was something they could appreciate. Making them proud

was certainly a motivation. Writing my book is, hopefully, also my way of leaving my mark. It is a beautiful synthesis of being able to teach, but I also get to be taught myself by the greatest mathematician in the world. I have a lot to thank South Africa for: I discovered not just what I wanted to do but also why I am the way I am."

Simon Singh's book, Fernus's Last Theorem, is now out in paperback at £6,99

Interview by Andrew G Marshall



Hidden truths behind healing hands

Complementary medicine is a boom industry, but media hype has often exaggerated the benefits and ignored a lack of hard scientific evidence to support its claims. By Edzard Ernst

WHEN, five years ago, I was appointed as Britain's first (and still only) Professor of Complementary Medicine, I noticed the lively media interest in the subject.

Much of what was being reported on the subject seemed to stem from an extreme 'pro' or an extreme 'contra' position. I decided then to stay out of "media battles" and focus on discussions in scientific publications. Now I am about to make an exception to this rule.

Why? The reason is simply that, in my view, the debate has gradually become ill-informed, misleading and seriously unbalanced.

Three examples can be given to substantiate this view; over the last eight months we have seen a Channel 4 television series Natural Born Healers; a Sunday Times series by Hazel Courtney (Health Journalist of the Year) "What's the Alternative"; a five-part supplement "Heating, A-Z Guide to Complementary Medicine"

All three major media events rely. heavily on reporting anecdotes of miracle cures in support of what I feel compelled to call a seriously biased

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So, what is wrong with anecdotes? My grandmother smoked 20 cigarettes per day all her adult life and never had lung cancer. Does that mean that smoking does not cause lung cancer? No. it does not.

Anecdotes are uniquely uninformative, even dangerous when it comes to generalisable matters of health.

Historically, in medicine, we have struggled to get away from testimonials or anecdotes. Exactly 50 years ago, the randomised controlled trial* was introduced as the gold standard to find out whether a given therapy is effec-

tive or not. With this tool, we are now able to differentiate between specific therapeutic effects and non-specific (e.g. placebo effects, natural history of the disease) effects and can furthermore

determine whether one particular treatment is better than another.

Testimonials or anecdotes, as produced so often by those who promote complementary medicine, are a significant step backwards in our endeavour to approach the truth.

If we accept them in support of complementary medicine and reject them for orthodox medicine we would de facto have introduced double standards into the evaluation of healthcare. And what is wrong with promoting

complementary medicine? Nothing at all, except that promotion of this type should be based on reliable evidence and not on anecdote.

Promoting medical treatments differs significantly from, for instance, promoting the sale of cars. But, even if you were about to buy a car, you would probably rely on evidence.

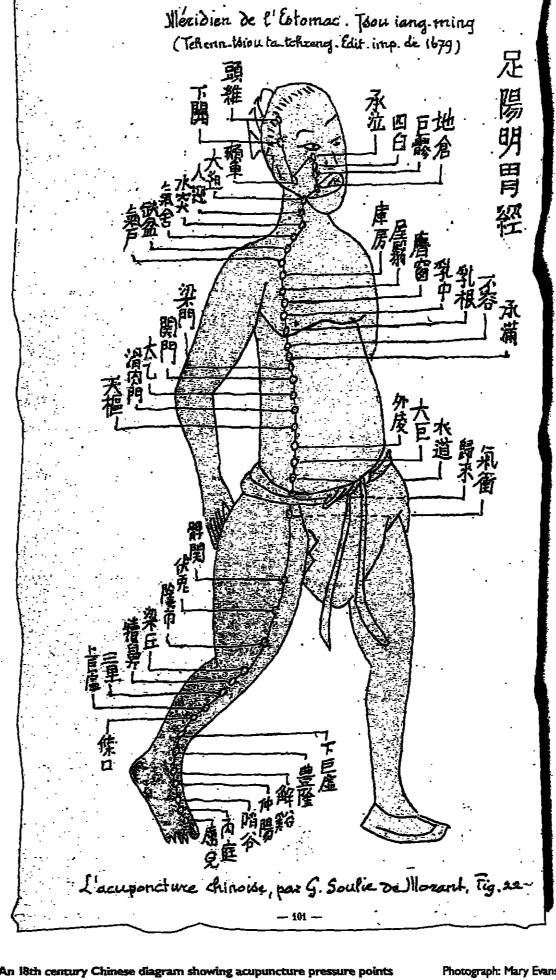
The two questions you would be likely to ask (both in relation to a car and a given therapy) are, does it work and is it safe? Testimonials (of car dealers, customers or therapists) will not take you far in finding reliable

It is simply common sense that, with health matters, one ought to be doubly cautious and extra critical.

The recent press coverage of complementary medicine is neither. It dulls our common sense to follow emotion rather than reason, testimonials rather than science.

There are, of course, those who claim that complementary medicine is special, so special that it defies testing through science.

I suspect this argument is the result of misconceptions as to what science is about. If, in the present context, science means the evaluation of treatments through randomised controlled trials, the notion that science cannot be applied to complementary medicine is false. In the area of complementary medicine, about 1,000 scientific studies have been published world-wide. This, I think, should be sufficient evidence to show



An 18th century Chinese diagram showing acupuncture pressure points

Photograph: Mary Evans

that complementary medicine can be tested scientifically.

And what are the results of these studies? Invariably they are complex and prohibit genetalisations.

They show that some complementary treatments are effective for certain conditions; they show that some treatments are not effective. They show that for some treatments the evidence is contradictory and insuffi-

cient for a final verdict. They show that some complementary therapies are not entirely free of side effects. And they show that some complementary therapies have not been properly evaluated at all (see below).

Thus there never will be simple and reliable messages such as those recently favoured by British media.

But does the attitude of the media matter at all? Biased media coverage of complementary medicine, as increasingly seen in Britain, may cause serious damage on several levels. Paradoxically, perhaps, it will damage complementary medicine itself.

Giving the impression that most of complementary medicine is wellestablished hinders the planning, funding and execution of urgently needed research. Misguided media reports could also turn out to be damaging to our society at large.

Last week the Prince of Wales hosted a conference in London on the integration of complementary medicine into the NHS. If integration comes before proper evaluation, there is a very definite danger of financial loss to our already squeezed healthcare budgets.

Most importantly, biased media coverage has a real potential for harming the consumer. He or she may be led to believe that a given type of therapy is safe and effective while the truth could be that, at present, we

actually do not know that. Complementary medicine is cer-

important to be misused by those who merely want to "warm their hands". If we are to progress in this area, we must not allow any bypassing of rigorous research. We need to fill in the substantial gaps in our present knowledge.

The very minimum would be to make sure that the benefits of a given complementary treatment for a given medical condition outweigh the risks. To achieve this aim, we need an open-minded approach, expertise, co-operation, time, funds and last, but not least, responsible support from the

* These are studies where patients are allocated at random to two or more groups treated by different methods, and subsequently compared in terms of pre-defined clinical outcomes.

The author is Professor of Complementary Medicine at the Postgraduate tainly a "hot" subject. It is also too Medical School, University of Exeter

The alternative is compromise

Continued from last week... Mr Bourner has active tuberculosis. Dr Thornton wants him to take a shedload of powerful antibiotics for six months. Mr Bourner wants to heal himself with the help of Mrs Linton and her paraphysical healing energy Now read on...

"And how was Mrs Linton

"Very helpful, doctor."
"I'm sorry I said spiritual healing was rubbish." She's a very gifted lady.

Knows tons about TB too. "Such as?" "Well, you told me it was a purely physical thing. The bacteria are very hard for the

body's immune system to digest and you need to take these poisonous drugs..." "Powerful drugs... "Whatever. You need to

swallow all these chemicals to get better. "That's true enough." "But it isn't, is it? You're completely overlooking the

important part the mind can play in manipulating the body's immune response." "What rubbish has she

been feeding you now?" "It's not rubbish. It's psychoneuroimmunology."

"Oh really?" "Yes. And there's a mountain of evidence that once you get tuberculosis, whether it spreads or whether your body holds it in check depends a lot on your mental state. If you're stressed and depressed like I was, holed up in that disgusting NHS hospital, the TB gets the upper hand. But now I'm out and happy and surrounded by positive healing energy, I'm getting better without the help of drugs." "I've never beard such

rubbish." "You should read The Sickening Mind by Paul Martin. Pub. Flamingo. ISBN 0-

00-655022-3." "There's obviously nothing

wrong with your memory." "Sir Peter Medawar, the Nobel Prize winning immunologist, said TB is 'an affliction in which a psychosomatic element is admitted even by those who contemptuously dismiss it in the context of any other ailment'. In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when physicians actually took time to observe their patients meticulously, a cause of TB was said to be 'a long and grievous passion of the mind'.

"You what?" "The concept of the tuberculosis-prone personality. The artistic temperament. Why do you think all those nineteenth-century luvvies gave into consumption if it wasn't for an excess of aesthetic emotion?"

Then there was spes phthisica."

"Because they all crammed into the same garret and coughed all over each other." "So you don't believe your

DR PHIL "And so you should be. HAMMOND

mind has any effect at all on your body?

"Of course it has some offect. People often die from cancer or heart disease when they lose a loved one or retire. I'm just saying, remember

"Robert Koch discovered the real cause of TB. Mycobacterium tuberculosis."

"Yes. And all you scientists suddenly forget about the importance of emotional factors in illness and necame obsessed with bacteria in your indecent haste to discover antibiotics and earn billions for the evil pharmaceutical

giants." "I think you're being a little unfair. The drugs industry has been responsible for some great advances."

"Well, you would say that, wouldn't you? You're all in their pocket."

"Look, I'm not interested in your slander. I just want you to get better." "What would you have

done in the days before "Packed you away to get

lots of fresh air and sun-"And did anyone get bet-

"Yes. But lots died. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, TB was one of the biggest killers of all. It's still one of the major causes of death in Third World countries and disturbing pockets are appearing in the UK amongst the homeless and

those who are HIV positive." "Yeah, but I've got a home, I'm HIV negative, I eat well and I'm seeing a healer. So I could survive without

"Tirue. But you could infect more vuinerable people on the way.

"I'll just try not to cough on anyone."

"What if we celebrate a

fantastic union of conventional and complementary? You take the drugs to kill the bugs and use Mrs Linton and her healing energy to protect you from side-effects." "Will it work?"

"I don't see why not - if healing's as powerful as you "What a splendid idea.

I'll start immediately." "Praise the Lord,"

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Crystal therapy, though it may look very intriguing and is certainly in vogue, remains untested in clinical conditions

The diagnosis is... misleading

1. Examples of effective complementary treatments (1)

* St John's Wort (hypericum), used in herbal medicine, alleviates the symptoms of mild-tomoderace depression and is associated with fewer short-term side effects than conventional

* Acupuncture reduces back pain, dental pain and nausea (e.g. morning sickness). * Ginkgo biloba, a herbal treatment, delays the clinical deterioration of patients with Alzheimer's disease.

2. Examples of forms of complementary medicine that have been shown to be ineffective (1)

* Accipuncture is no better than a sham as a help in smoking cessation or reduction of

* Iridology, diagnosis through the study of the iris, is not a valid diagnostic tool * Chelation therapy, a vitamin infusion to

cleanse the body of toxins, has been shown to be no better than placebo for circulatory problems in the leg. 3. Examples of complementary treatments where, contrary to general

beliefs, the evidence is inconclusive or insufficient (1) * Chiropractic treatment has not convincingly been shown to be more effective than conventional treatments for acute or chronic low back pain (nor for any other medical

* Acupuncture has not convincingly been

shown to be effective for arthritis or asthma. * Hypnotherapy has not convincingly been shown to be more useful than standard therapies as an aid for smoking cessation.

4. Examples of complementary therapies which are associated with serious health

* Chiropractic treatment can result in vascular damage (e.g. stroke) in an unknown number of

* Acupuncture has been associated with serious internal injuries (e.g. collapsed lungs) and infections (e.g. hepatitis). * Chelation therapy, colonic irrigation, certain

diets (e.g. macrobiotic) have been linked to serious complications. * Several herbal remedies are know to be roxic and can cause liver damage, others (e.g. Ayurvedic and Chinese remedies) have repeatedly been found to be contaminated with

5. Examples of therapies for which, so far, virtually no clinical trials have been

carried out. Flower remedies/essences

* Shiatsu

Crystal therapy

toxic substances.

Shark cartilage

* Rolfing (a deep form of massage guided by the contours of the body)

(1) based on recent overviews of clinical trials in which patients were randomly allocated to treatment with the therapy or with placebo.

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Yesterday's men or a Tory tomorrow?

OL "TWO BRAINS" is back. So is "Doris Karloff". From some of the press coverage one might be forgiven for thinking that the Leader of the Opposition had spent yesterday casting for a Hammer horror movie rather than restructuring his frontbench team. The impression is doubly unfortunate in that Mr Hague has promoted politicians like David Willetts and Ann Widdecombe who, despite their fearsome reputations and B-movie nicknames, are more likely to impress the voters than those they have replaced. Miss Widdecombe in particular has shown what wit, ability and a combative disposition can do even in an age when spin and looks are assumed to count for all. She, along with most of the rest of us, was obviously quite wrong to write her political career off after her celebrated something of the night" attack on Michael Howard.

True, Miss Widdecombe, Mr Willetts and the new shadow Chancellor, Francis Maude, have "form", but they are not readily recognisable as relics of the last government and thus "yesterday's" men and women. Mr Hague has also tilted his team towards a fresher future by saying good-bye to Sir Brian Mawhinney, for so long the unacceptable face of Majorism. But to replace him as shadow Home Secretary with Sir Norman Fowler, a man who has been around so long that he was in Margaret Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet twenty years ago, is to replace yesterday's man with the day before yesterday's man.

But then, does anyone care who the shadow Chancellor is? Does your heart beat a little faster now that you know that Peter Ainsworth is shad-

After all, even if Labour had only squeaked in last time there would still be three or four years before the next election. And, if the pollsters and the wiseacres are to be believed, none of Mr Hague's team has much chance of being in a position to run anything for the best part of ten years, if then. But these moves do matter, for these people are the alternative government.

In the meantime their job is to oppose - and we should also care about the quality of political opposition, as fresh doubts are aired about the effectiveness of Parliament and the concentration of power at No 10. Harold Macmillan thought that opposition should be "fun". He may have gone too far in suggesting that it should be entirely unencumbered by a sense of responsibility, but the need for a team of hard-hitting, lively parliamentarians, not above a bit of knockabout, has rarely been more keenly felt.

Yesterday marked the end of what one of Mr Hague's aides called his "interim" team. But, while there is yet some talent to promote, there are still a few too many of "yesterday's men" on the opposition front bench for the current line-up to be definitive. This will not be the last reshuffle before we really see a fresh future for the Tory party. But let us hope Mr Hague has given himself some more leverage against a government that has rarely been effectively opposed.

Crown prosecutors guilty as charged

GIVEN the importance that both main parties have, rightly, placed on law and order it is a matter for some concern that the political process has only now succeeded in forcing a report that confirms all our worst fears about the Crown Prosecution Service.

The ability of the service to do its job properly has been a matter of public concern for many years but, as with other bureaucratic bodies, the CPS and those who ran it seem to have placed a premium on protecting themelves from investigation and reform. Some years ago a staff survey showed that 68 per cent of those who worked for it were dissatisfied with their jobs. This would have been defensible had the CPS been embarked on a painful programme of change designed to improve its effectiveness. It was not. The now departed Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills, seemed to spend more time in absurd bureaucratic adventures than in the workaday business of making the law effective. It is extremely sad that a body that, as Sir Iain Glidewell notes in his report, has the potential to become a lively, successful and esteemed part of the criminal justice system became instead a national joke. That it did is, ultimately, the fault of those politicians who allowed such a disgraceful state of affairs to persist under their noses. Successive Home Secretaries and Attorneys General have a good deal to answer for. The CPS desperately needs a new beginning that gaurantees its independence and gives it the resources and leadership it has lacked for so long.

Don't cry for Gazza

IF PAUL GASCOIGNE believed some of the propaganda now being pumped out on his behalf then he would never be able to come to terms with Glenn Hoddle's decision to drop him from England's World Cup squad. According to Gascoigne's friend Chris Evans, he is "the kind of player, like a box of fireworks, that you can bring on and change things, against the odds; he always gets it together." Is he? Does he?

It is unlikely that Gascoigne ever possessed these magical qualities. He may have been one of the most talented players in his generation, if not the most talented, but this may have told us more about that generation's abilities than anything else. Either way, it is no longer the case. Whatever the reason, Paul Gascoigne was simply not fit enough to play for England. It is obviously a disappointing thing for him, but it is not in any way unfair. This was a choice made on objective criteria. To pretend otherwise only makes it the harder to bear.

Paul Gascoigne made his reputation by crying during a previous World Cup but there is no need for anyone - not even Gascoigne - to cry about



Training oppressors

Sir: The fundamental objection to the training of Indonesian officers by universities, such as Hull (letter, 29 May), and the British government ("UK funded training for Indonesian forces", 1 June) relates to failure by the institutions concerned to take account of the context in which the military routinely violates human rights.

The armed forces have dominated everyday life and intervened in everything from land disputes to labour disputes for the last 32 years.

The special forces, Kopassus, some of whose officers are studying at Hull University, are trained in interrogation techniques including the use of torture, and their role in the illegally occupied territory of East Timor is one of unprecedented brutality.

The necessary reform of the role Llandrillo, Denbighshire of the military will not be brought out by exposing a few officers to lessons in human rights and democracy. On the contrary, the Government and universities such as Hull are legitimising the existing role of the military. A senior lecturer at Hull has stated that we should "engage with and hopefully influence people likely to be in positions of authority and power there," while the Ministry of Defence talks about generating goodwill with the military.

While there has been change at the top in Indonesia, the armed forces remain as powerful as ever. They were responsible for the recent killing of six student demonstrators or played. I do not have the luxury and they continue to resist change in East Timor. The British government and British universities should support democratic reform in Indonesia by refusing to train or teach any more military personnel. **PAUL BARBER**

TAPOL, The Indonesia Human Rights Campaign London WC2

Sir: Dr Watson's comments (letter, 29 May) display a misunderstanding of the military in Suharto's New Order. As a World Bank consultant, I worked in Indonesian government departments for seven years.

Suharto originally institutionalised the political and economic role of the military, buying their support

LETTERS

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through the establishment of business fiefdoms. The military is a business machine which has benefited mightily from its position of power. The bureaucracy has been extensively militarised and no section is without military officers occupying important positions. With large financial interests at stake, it is naive to suppose that the military could be converted to a democratic political system - being willing to destroy its own power-base and financial interests.

DFHAGGER

Sir: Wendy Grossman (Comment, 28 May) is right to point out that the Internet is a great forum for writers to get their music to a wider audience. The opportunities are exciting, but songwriters and composers continue to rely on royalties to make a living. We are entitled to continue to get paid for our work in the new age.

As a working songwriter I rely on copyright and the ability to enforce my rights to ensure payment. I don't actually get paid for writing a song: I only earn money when it is bought of hoping that an unregulated Net will result in fair and timely payment.

It is not just the most successful ngwriters who benefit from the British Music Rights campaign. All will benefit from an environment in which we can write for an international on-line audience without worrying about how we will get paid. MICK LEESON London N10

Sir: Mark Vardy's point (letter, 29 May) about MP3 files is misleading. MP3 is virtually indistinguishable from CD quality for most music fans. Furthermore, "MPMan" is now in production in Korea. This system, which looks like a small dictaphone, enables you to store up to 64 minutes of MP3 music and carry it extreme" (whatever that means) we about with you Walkman-style. It is also possible to make CD copies which are playable on normal CD players - albeit with a slight loss of quality. MP3s are not just in the do-

main of the computer. It is in the interests of all creatives to take part in the development of new technologies, and this includes means to protect rights.

GAVIN ROBERTSON New Media R&D Manager The Music Alliance London W1

Sir: Rudolph Klein writes about the the inbred culture of the Bristol Roval Infirmary ("Tragic case that proves the need for checks on competence", 30 May). Does this arise in part because the consultant body is still largely an all-male club?

Nationally, only 19 per cent of consultants are women, and this drops to 4 per cent among surgeons, despite the fact that 52 per cent of medical students are female. Additionally, 85 per cent of women doctors have children. If these mothers had been among Mr Wisheart's colleagues, would they have permitted things to go as far as they did?

There is an immediately accessible way of changing the hospital culture: appoint more women to consultants' iobs. JANEY HUBER FRCS Cambridge

'Mail' apology

Sir: Your report (1 June) about the damages The Mail on Sunday is to pay the actress Brooke Shields was way off the mark.

The actual figure is, of course, a confidential matter between Miss Shields and us but it is considerably less that the one you quoted. Far from being "po-faced in the

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Natural Food

Sir: William Procter has a point (letter, 30 May) about the relative dangers of passive smoking and car fumes, but motorists in my neck of the woods are very considerate, as they never bring their cars into shops, pubs and restaurants. I recognise their thoughtfulness and allow smoking guests to use my garage. RICHARD PREECE

took urgent steps to correct our mis-

take as soon as we discovered we had

been seriously misled by a source in

France. As is usual for all newspa-

pers, including The Independent, in

such a case, part of the settlement

is the publication of any apology in

terms agreed with the complainant's

lawyers, and this was what we pub-

lished on Page Three. The Editor

himself made the decision to publish

a personal apology on the front page

because, as he stated: "We were very

wrong and, in this case, it is right we

Sir: It is untrue that "the entire food

industry is making use of soya pro-

tein which may be derived from ge-

netically modified soya beans", as

claimed by Birdseye ("No warnings

of modified soya in foods" 28 May).

Many supermarket chains across Eu-

rope have sourced natural soya as, for

example, has Iceland in this country.

They have refused to bow to the bul-

lying of their American suppliers.

Scottish Consumers Association for

GEÖRGE STIDOLPH

should say so prominently.'

Managing Editor The Mail on Sunday

Modified soya

London W8

Hoddle's masterstroke

Sir: Ginger Spice quits the pop life at the same time as Paul Gascoigne is omitted from the England squad: I wonder if the two are entirely unconnected? Could this be, in fact, the strategic masterstroke of Glenn Hoddle that England's football fans have been so patiently waiting for? I for one will be hoping for a lastminute, sequinned surprise in the starting line-up against Tunisia.

Admittedly, Ginger Spice has yet to prove herself as a footballer at the highest level, but this has never been a barrier to inclusion in the England team. Her platforms could give us some much-needed height against Continental defences in the set pieces; her reputation for toughness will reassure Mr Hoddle that when the chips are down she will take that second yellow card without any sary blubbing in front of the rest of the team.

May I be the first to applaud the England coach on this clandestine and audacious switch? I can only hope Miss Halliwell can be persuaded to take some time off product endorsement to put in some penalty-taking practice before the quarter-finals against the Germans. ADAM MORGAN London SW17

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Sir: Pay-per-view football is a brilliant idea. You turn up at the ground, pay the man on the gate and view whatever is on offer; good, bad or indifferent. I have been doing this for more than 30 years and can recommend it wholeheartedly. The Premiership chairmen owe it to genuine fans to ensure that when Murdoch eventually goes from the scene, he leaves behind a game that still has some vestige of integrity and culture. CHARLIE McCORMICK Geddington, Northamptonshire

Quake puzzle

Sir: Can any seismologist deny the rumour that the second earthquake in Afghanistan may have been triggered by the recent nuclear tests on the (unstable) Indian sub-continent? Dr JAMES HUTCHISON

As 2000 looms, the world awaits the end – and Melvyn Bragg's last judgment



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DR VERNON HANDLEY is a philosopher. He is the Professor of Applied Philosophy at Milton Keynes University. He has a lovely wife, two lovely children and one other child not quite so lovely. He has a house and a big garden. You'd think he would be moderately happy, or at least philosophical.

But he is not yet happy. He has one burning, unfulfilled ambition, and that is to be a guest on Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg. Until that is granted, one feels he will not be a happy man.

"It sounds illogical," he smilingly agrees.
"Indeed, it is illogical. Who would want to waste the whole of Monday morning travelling to London, chatting for ten or fifteen minutes, then coming back by lunchtime to find your whole week's workplan behind schedule? The programme may be called Start the Week, but for those involved it is quite the opposite. It is a case of 'Delay The Week For Melvyn Bragg'."

So why do you want to appear on the programme ?

"Well, if I were actually on the programme and were asked that question, I would probably argue that there is a human gene which makes us want to appear on such programmes, but that is also clearly illogical, so I will admit that the real reason is vanity. I would like the cachet. Many of my colleagues have appeared on the programme, and it sits well in their CVs. I think I am jealous of them. It is after all, a oncein-a-lifetime experience. Nobody ever gets invited back to the programme. Unless they are Steve Jones or Jonathan Miller."

And they enjoy it even when Mr Bragg has called what they say "tosh"?

"Oh, I think they quite like that. After all, an idea which has been dismissed as tosh by Mr Bragg is not therefore a negligible idea. Many learned men see it as a compliment." But surely you cannot get on such a pro-

gramme unless you have a thesis to talk about, or a book, or a lecture to give? "Ah, but I have such a thesis! I have de-

the sort of thing which Mr Bragg and his guests, and the spare lady he always invites, would discuss avidly, I think. Would you like to hear it?" 'Well, we hark back a lot these days to the first Millennium, to AD1000, when a

veloped a new Millennium theory which is

majority of people in Christendom really believed that the world was going to end and that they would all go to heaven on the stroke of midnight. Right?"

Ye-e-es... "Well, what if they were right?" Pardon?

"What if the world really did end in AD1000?" But it didn't!

"Ah! We think it didn't! We think that

history carried on and proved them wrong. But what if history really did end in AD1000? What if God really did bring everything to an end?"

Why would He want to do that? "Because He was fed up with it all." So - who are we? And where did the last 1,000 years come from?"

"Ah! My theory is that God really did end the world in AD1000, but that He was curious to see what would have happened if He hadn't finished everything off. So he set a small computer experiment going to find out how the next 1,000 years would have worked out. That's us. We are just a computer projection of history looking ahead."

So the last 1,000 years haven't really happened?

"Not really. We are a game on God's virtual reality playstation."

Is there any proof for this? "No. It is unprovable. Or at least, it will Mr Bragg's lips."

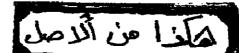
be until AD2000. If my theory is correct, God is getting fed up again, and the computer projection in which we exist will end in AD2000, After AD2000 - nothing! It is beginning to break down already. Hence our fears about the Millennium Bug...." But just a minute. If Dr Vernon Hand-

ley is right ... if the last thousand years have been a computer projection ... then Dr Handley is also part of that computer projection? "Yes, of course."

And this idea, that the world really ended in AD1000, is something dreamed up by him, by a figment of a computer's imagination?

"Yes... Frankly, it all sounds like a load of tosh to me.

"You may well say so," says Dr Vernon Handley, smiling happily, "but all I ask is one day to hear the same sentiments from





It's little things that can make the difference in urban renewal



ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH

CITIES are improving. Dashing late one evening from a meeting in the centre of Birmingham to the railway station last week, I noticed that there were still people going to and fro long after the shops in the pedestrianised streets had closed. There was a welcoming bustle of activity. This was no longer the bleak city centre I used to know. London is much more satisfying than it was 15 to 20 years ago. Now that Leicester Square, for instance, is closed to traffic, I am glad to recommend it to visitors; in the old days I was ashamed of the place.

Not all is gain, however. I was recently in the middle of Liverpool, also in the evening, The area around Lime Street station and St George's Hall is a sort of urban hell - featurcless except for a few islands of the old Liverpool still standing, cut through with new roads along which the traffic sweeps, as if fleeing the city, unconnected with what is around it.

*Connections are what make successful cities. Unsuccessful cities are unconnected," writes Robert Cowan in a pamphlet on making cities work, echoing the famous opening lines of Anna Karenina - "All happy families resemble one another, but every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." All successful cities connect; all unsuccessful cities are disconnected in their own way.

At a recent meeting in Hammersmith in west London, which was part of a participative exercise in finding methods of improving the borough, the focus was largely on re-connecting communities that had been disconnected by major roads. Hammersmith has seven major east-west routes passing through it, not least because it stands between Heathrow airport and the centre of London. Even here the ideal is the connected city.

But what to connect? How to connect? The short answer is - ask the real experts. These are not, by the way, architects, planners, road engineers, local government officials and the like, but the people themselves. Residents know exactly what works well, and what doesn't, what is pleasant, what depresses them, how far they have to go for some fresh air, what are the local no-go areas, what could quickly be improved. Thus in Hammersmith and Fulham, where the Architecture Foundation, whose chairman is Richard Rogers, has been working with the local authority to imple has been the starting point.

The method was to arrange day-long workshops. In attendance were various specialists, as well as members of the design team for the site. Local people turned up in moderate numbers, but there were enough of them to make the exercise meaningful. Between 20 to 40 people participated in each workshop.

The inner suburbs of every large town in

the land have problems similar to Hammersmith's. How to remove, for instance, the sense of danger that deters people from using the vast area of playing fields and open space called Wormwood Scrubs, a name familiar to most people only as a grim prison rather than as an amenity. Actually Wonnwood Scrubs is 15 minutes drive from my house. Until I went to see it on Sunday evening, I was unaware of its existence as a huge grassy area, almost a prairie, that is what being "disconnected" means.

Or, to take another example, how to bring the Thames into the imagination of Hammersmith. Residents hardly ever see it. Access is so poor that it is a pleasant surprise when one suddenly glimpses the water flowing by. Another group studied the question of what to do when a flyover, carrying a lot of traffic, runs right through the middle of town. But in a little group of streets close by, the problem was quite different. It was how to handle the unfortunate "other", the homeless who were turned out of bed and breakfast accommodation for the day and congregated in local streets and bits of

municipal park, and were felt as a threat. The solutions put forward are all small scale, designed simply to facilitate pedestrian movement, soften or even hide harsh features and find the cracks in the city fabric where space can be created to fill the lungs with fresh air. Transform the great West Road into a tree-lined boulevard with surface crossings rather than underpasses. Calm the traffic. Put raised lookout points along the river; provide a river bus service. Cut off noise from the motor ways coursing through the borough with landscaped earthworks. Think of the Hammersmith Flyover as a canopy and place

All successful cities connect; all unsuccessful cities are disconnected

flower and plant markets underneath.

Perhaps all this sounds trivial. But think of what is absent from the process. The sites are in the public realm, so property developers with their narrow objectives are not involved. Nor even are proper architects who design landmark buildings.

Charles Jencks has argued that "the truth of city building is that good architecture and good urbanism are opposed ... good architects, like good artists, are primarily concerned with the language of form, while good urbanists must have an equal commitment to the things that erode such language: compromise, democracy, pluralism, entrepreneurial skills and patience". The planners, too, have largely been absent from the Hammersmith process. Nor have highway engineers had a role.

In truth, the issues are small and the soions are so obvious that one feels they are merely common sense. At the final meeting in Hammersmith, one speaker showed a slide illustrating how a small corner of Barcelona had been transformed merely by introducing well-designed outdoor seating. When the solutions are so modest, a lot can be done Reconnecting the disparate bits of cities is one of the best way of reviving the joys

Let us now praise the surprising successes of multicultural Britain



YASMIN ALIBHAI-BROWN

FIFTY YEARS ago this month, on 22 June 1948, the Empire Windrush brought to this country 492 Jamaicans, the first batch of post-war black immigrants to this country. Most were young, dressed to win and full of aspiration. The Evening Standard greeted their arrival with the big bold headline: "Welcome

Those who survive, many of their descendants and other black and Asian Britons would question if this country has been "home" to them. Evidence daily emerges of how much racism, discrimination and racial violence still blight the lives of black Britons.

We are in the middle of the heartrending enquiry into the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence whose parents did not even bury his body here, but took it back to the Caribbean where in death he would be safe. Today thugs daily despoil the stone marking the spot he was murdered. The conscientious MP Keith Vaz last month produced a dossier revealing how Whitehall remains true to its name, and this week Sir Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, called for a radical shake-up of the race laws to broaden their scope and make them more effective against powerful institutions. Many of the original arrivals interviewed on a BBC series on Windrush express movingly how their dreams turned to ashes.

But like most things in life this is only part of the story and while it is right that we should constantly highlight ongoing racial injustices, the extraordinary advances that have occurred merit pride of place too. And the symbols of that progress are everywhere, even in the most unexpected places.

The death of Enoch Powell was announced on British television by two black broadcasters: Trevor Phillips on one channel and Trevor Macdonald on the other. And properly measured and stiff upper-lipped they were too. Poor Enoch. His fantasies fade as we move towards becoming one of the most dynamic multiracial societies in western

Ешгоре. And vet, like many others I spend most of my time pointing out racial injustice and fissures, perhaps because I fear that good news will somehow dilute these messages, or that I will thereby join right-wingers who endlessly proclaim how supremely tolerant Britain is. I think now that I have been wrong



If we never applaud and celebrate any progress, why should people carry on striving for change at all?

Is it not important for our national self-esteem to notice and applaud the fact that this spring in one of the greatest cricket matches ever in Trinidad, the two heroes of the game, Mark Butcher and Dean Headley, were both black Britons? Or that Bill Morris has joined the prestigious Bank of England advisory group? Or that some talented people like Valerie Amos, Patricia Scotland and Navnit Dholakia, John Taylor, Lord Paul and others are now in the House of Lords?

These days so many black and Asian people receive honours that we hardly ethnic minority Britons. In fact it is a sign of the (relatively) good times that a pholographic exhibition of famous blacks at the National Portrait gallery left out Trevor Macdonald because planners were spoilt for choice.

It could of course be argued that in any society those with star qualities will rise anyway. But there are other indicators showing we are moving in the direction of a truly multicultural society.

Inter-marriage here is higher than almost any other western country. In some areas six-out-of-ten black men have a white partner. The terrible racial divisions in the United States has not been replicated here. Geographical apartheid is impossible to find in any city. And

Other signs indicate a profound change for the better. Who would have thought that the Daily Mail would take up the cause of the Lawrence family? And although he was derided, William Hague is the only political leader ever to go to the Notting Hill Carnival. Tony Blair feels passionately about a Britain based on fair opportunities for all.

And then there are the changes nobody notices because they involve ordinary British people. Recently, as I watched the footage of white people out in the streets when I came here in 1972 as a dispossessed Ugandan Asian, I realised how impossible such scenes would be now. This is because so many white people have a personal investment in multiculturalism.

My mother-in-law Vera, who has lived all her life on the South coast, has learned to accept me, a Muslim divorcee with a son; and she has done it with all her heart. Three white men have married into our family and it is they who take care of my mother who barely speaks English. Of such things come hope and change.

So am I saying that the glory days are here? No. There are still many problems. Too many black men are unemployed and as a result drawn to criminal activities that destroy them and theirs. We are not in the upper echelons when it comes to real political power and influence. Not one newspaper commissioning editor is black. All 54 advisors to the Labour government are white.

There are too many cases of racial violence: too many deaths in custody of back men; too many excluded ethnic communities. But fifty years ago the picture was very different and we would not have had, within a single year, three British prime ministers, the Queen and Prince Charles describing this country as a proud multicultural nation. That

These days so many black and Asian people receive honours that we hardly notice any more

notice any more, not even within the when I return from some European communities. The black British poet, John Agard, gets to be an in-house poet at the BBC, and two of the main anchormen on BBC 24-hour news. Matthew Amroliwala and Krishnan Guru-Murthy, are both highly talented Asian men.

Add in Lenny Henry and Meera Syal romedy: the writers Salman Rushdie. Caryl Phillips and Ben Okri; actors like Marianne Jean-Baptiste in Secrets and Lies, Cathy Tyson and David Harewood. the first ever undved Othello now at the National; Lisa l'Anson, the Radio One DJ; news readers Zeinab Badawi and Moira Stewart; Ozwald Boateng the Savile Row bespoke tailor, poet Benjamin Zephaniah. The list goes on and on.

Pop music, business and food have been transformed by immigrants and countries, where what ethnic minorities wear is considered the business of the state and where I have been spat upon (because to the French I look Arab), I want to kiss the airport tarmae here.

Research backs these impressions. Recent figures from the Office for National Statistics reveal that a higher percentage of black and Asian Britons have degrees than do whites. Black women are more likely to be in full-time work than white women. Our top public schools have basketfuls of high-flying minority children. When my son was at St Paul's, three of these pupils had already established themselves as international scientists, winning prizes in the US. So it is with the universities. A quarter of our doctors are from the ethnic minority communities.

must count for something.

Mean millionaires keep charity out of mind and out of pocket



DIANE COYLE

THE RICH are getting richer. Soaring stock markets have made large numbers of executives and entrepreneurs massively wealthy, while the tax cuts of the Reagan and Thatcher era mean they can keep more of it. Compared with a decade or so

ago, incomes are much more unequal in the Anglo-Sazon countries. So why are the rich getting meaner too?

New figures for charitable giving in the UK show that since 1992 most of the rise in charities' incomes has come from either their own trading activities - those now ultra-hip high street second-hand shops - or from higher fees and grants.

The amount from legacies has climbed, but slowly and from a low base, while voluntary donations have hardly shifted. Corporate donations have increased thanks to high company profits, but the total is a piffling £300m out of a total of about £13bn for the top 3,000 charities, according to figures from the Charities Aid Foundation.

No less a champion of freemarket economics and all out wealth-creation than the Economist magazine last week lambasted the new generation of multi-millionaires for their meanness. Only Ted Turner and George Soros earned a philanthropy kitemark.

With the economy and share prices in fine fettle on both sides of the Atlantic, it is clear that the sense of social responsibility borne by the very well-off in the late 19th century - a comparable era of great fortunes and entrepreneurial success has all but evaporated.

One possibility for the new meanness is simply a general lack of moral uprightness in these post-modern times, extending across all income groups. Certainly, charitable

giving has diminished among the not so well-off, as well as the rich. The rich are, after all, no different from the rest of us except in having more money to not give away.

Another possibility is that modern wealth is more ephemeral than old wealth. The super-rich are more likely to have made their millions through higher share prices on the stock market or success in a fast-moving high technology business than in making goods for which there is a solid, longlasting mass market.

The owners of oil reserves and manufacturers of textiles at the end of the 19th century could foresee no challenge to their status. But even Mr Gates. the man who put the Bill into billionaire, worries about com-

petitors eroding his overwhelming advantages in a matter of years rather than decades.

The other question for the rich today is what they could do with their money. The obvious gaps arising from the desperate poverty that pre-dated the welfare state - the need for libraries and schools for the many, for decent housing, for food for the huddled urban masses - are thankfully no longer with us. A millionaire wanting to make a big gesture today will probably have to resort to something pretty elitist - a library at an Oxbridge college, say. And, after all, recognition is one of the big rewards

of philanthropy. Yet the need for the wealthy to spread their riches is greater now than it has been at any time in the past 100 years. This is not just a matter of avoiding a backlash against gross inequality, although there is every

sign that this is under way. More important is the fact that the state appears to have reached its limits, while public expectations continue to rise. There is scant prospect of government money reaching a lot further than it does already in health, education and housing. These needs will fall increasingly to the non-profit and charity sector.

Here, then, is a role for private donors: funding amenities that will benefit large numbers of their fellow citizens. All it needs is for the philanthropists to step forward with their chequebooks.

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Freak event

OVER the next two weeks tireless Tony Blair is jetting to almost every European capital for face-to-face summer talks in advance of the EC Council meeting in Cardiff. Reading his schedule is like trying to follow a supersonic version of Homer's Odvssey. On Friday, for example, Downing Street's "Operational Note" has him scheduled for lunch in Rome with the Italian Prime Minister, tea in Vienna with the Austrian Chancellor and dinner with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands in the Hague. Pandora was intrigued to see that Blair's final meeting, according to the schedule, is set for Saturday, 13 June, and will be a "bilateral with Geek Prime Minister at No. 10°. Tony will deserve a relaxing break at Chequers after meeting with the Geek.

Tea & sympathy

EVEN before the first ball is kicked in the World Cup, watching England has become a major strain on the nerves. Take Glenn Hoddle's pastoral care for his players. After the recent introduction of a faith healer to the squad, England's manager has promised to counsel personally all those players he leaves off the final team. Will this include the inconsolable Gascoigne, Pandora wonders? Over a late night kehah, with Five Bellies keeping the paparazzi at hay?

Isn't Glenn asking too much of himself? Particularly in view of his own recent separation from his wife and his citation in a divorce petition brought against him by the busband of his new girlfriend, Vanessa Shean. Having denied any connection with attended St. Clare's Hall, Oxford and Having denied any connection while spent much of the Eighties working avenue of possible tribal conflict. Now May. Of course.

PANDORA

please consider Pandora's standing offer to provide a natter, a shoulder to cry on and a hot beverage whenever needed? We all know, Glenn, the pressures you face while trying to complete a 12-step programme for winning the Cup.

Noble missive

HEREDITARY peer Lord Sempill. 48, wrote a chiding letter to last Saturday's Times Magazine after one of its columnists had the audacity to criticize the "out-of-touch" House of Lords. The noble Scottish lord, who

in the South African advertising industry, delivers a GCSE-level miniessay on the Upper Chamber. "It sits for roughly 140 days a year, for nearly seven hours a day," he enlightens readers. Pandora notes, however, that Lord Sempill himself voted only twice out of 67 divisions during the last Lords session.

Boot-faced Nancy

IN AN ATTEMPT to forestall his own family from "going to the mattresses" in a vicious domestic war following his demise, Frank Sinatra placed a watchful clause in his will. It decreed that anyone who chose to would be disinherited. Unfortunately, the great singer overlooked one

it appears that his daughter, singer Nancy - whose most famous lyric remains "These boots are made for walking/and if you don't watch out/they'll walk all over you" - is penning her own family memoir. She is reported to be taking a special interest in Barbara, her step-mother and Frank's final wife, No doubt Nancy's book will be as polished and compassionate as her delightful music.

Crowing

PETER LILLEY'S departure yesterday as shadow chancellor and Anne Widdecombe's elevation to the front benches in the Boy Wonder's challenge legally the will's terms first resbuffle came as no surprise to Pandora's readers who could have read about these changes here on 14

alive by a kind of fiendish, gleeful curiosity, only partly centred on himself. One of the many virtues of his autobiographical masterpiece Memoirs of a Public Baby, published in 1958 to widespread acclaim, was that the author showed his ability to drag his eyes away from his own tortured life and look with penetrating compassion on the world about him. The same qualities of poetic understanding later made him a highly effective and fashionable radio interviewer, especially when he chatted with other misfits and madcaps like himself.

Most of O'Connor's life was spent far outside society. The impression that he created as a young man in wartime Fitzrovia size 13 boots and owned a was of utter precariousness. As thin as a skeleton, his face already eroded, his smile never unthinkable in today's suspicalm, he lived off doughnuts and Woodbines, ogled at women and spoke in cryptograms, spoonerisms and jingles, delivering sentences backwards and falling about in drunken exhilaration.

It counted little in his favour that he had already produced some important Surrealist poetry. Many people knew him simply as The Man Who Stood he wrote later appeared "to Behind the Door and Said Boo have the unpleasant aspect of To T.S. Eliot. According to combined milk and urine in his Quentin Crisp, who inhabited the same select corner of low Bohemia, O'Connor's gestures were so emphatic that a taxi as the man "murdered apples would stop for him even if it already had a passenger.

Philip O'Connor's life had been full of folly from the beginning. Born in Leighton Buzzard in 1916, delivered - he claimed - by the King's physi- nounced: "The word 'fool' had cian, and encouraged by his mother, a fallen gentlewoman of mixed Asiatic, Dutch and Burmese blood, to consider most epileptic exhibitionism himself descended through his father from the last King of Ire- babbled, prattled, gesticulated land, O'Connor had a disorderly and displayed himself to the childhood. Taken to France as maximum, projecting a feroa baby, he was abandoned at the cious and maniacal hatred of the age of four with Madame Tillieux, matronly proprietor of a of the real sewer-soul, the tartpatisserie in the seaside resort heart, the mashbrain, the scumof Wirnereux near Boulogne. my-eyed hypocrite, nothing can Two years later, his mother re- rival the eminent plain man," he turned to claim him and was wrote in Memoirs of a Public met with violent protests. Baby. Tough words, but O'Con-"Non!" screamed young Philip, nor also had an amiable side to scurrying to Madame's black his nature and made friends skirts. "Če n'est past Maman, t'es quickly. To the young Laurie Maman. 'Suis Français."

This heartbreaking scene later became the subject of a mystery about him, a frenetic BBC radio play and Wimereux, its wide white beaches and the Hamlet". warmth of its well-ordered

Little beans of warmth from the heart's pod pop through the network of nerves to the mnemonic nervestations; I inhale accompanied by the sound of the sea in recession, exhale with the sea coming in.

Of the customers whom he had often observed scoffing cakes he had cruder recollections:

With hatred and envy I watched their big white teeth dipping sheerly into the creams and biscutty, their lips proudly curve and pensively fold over the sweet crumbles, their creamcoated tongues dart like acquisitive

Back in England a few years later, O'Connor was again adopted, this time by a one-legged bachelor civil servant who wore small wooden hut on Box Hill near Dorking. In circumstances cious climate, here the dreamy little lad and his shy misogynist guardian set up house.

In due course, O'Connor attended the nearby Dorking High School, reading the entire works of Dickens before the age of 14 but otherwise proving a difficult student, ill at ease with face". Eventually his love for his guardian also turned sour and es in his big many-toothed mouth".

messianism was already profastened itself sharply, hissingly on my tongue." Autocratic bad temper, omniscience and al- friends attempted to tame him had become his trademarks. He middle classes: "As an example

Lee, encountered in Putney,

O'Connor had "an adolescent

melancholy, like a schoolboy

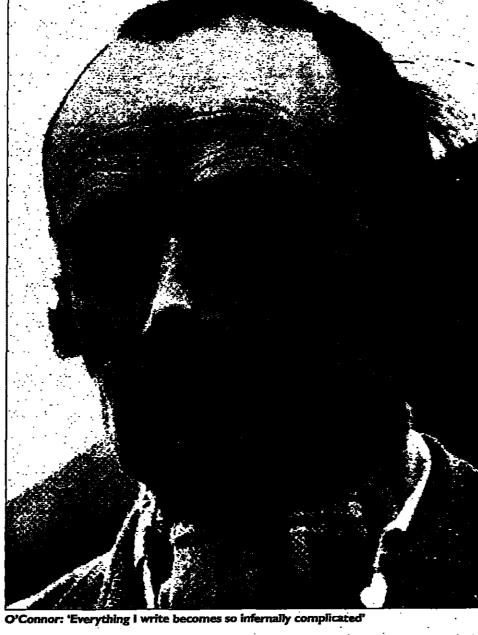
PHILIP O'CONNOR was kept "Memories of twilight in lating through London, Philip Wimereux return home in a O'Connor rapidly produced glass of wine," he wrote later. poems which he later described as "a shockspill of sensations and thoughts in Surrealist disarray" and with untypical modesty as "mountebankery". His contempt for the editors who published his early work in magazines like New Verse and Life and Letters Today was

often equally fierce. O'Connor's extreme outsider status was reinforced in his late teens by a longish period tramping across England - an experience which formed the basis for his book Vagrancy published as a Penguin Special in 1963. His time on the road was followed by a six-month stay in the Maudsley Hospital, where he was diagnosed as the youngest schizophrenic in the ward. He then bounced, or fell, back into Fitzrovia and into a marriage with the daughter of a Scottish lawyer, whose inheritance he was to squander on pâté de foie gras and percussion

In a pattern that he was to repeat in later life, O'Connor and his frail bride returned to the hill where he had lived his fellow pupils, one of whom with his guardian and purchased another but there. On the eve of the Second World War, they also conducted their own version of the Grand Tour, during which O'Connor's "orthe boy began to register disgust atory of the second bottle became full developed in two with abominable salivatory nois- daily sessions". The marriage ended after five years and O'Connor embarked upon a By the time he left school, number of other relationships, O'Connor's megalomania or fathering an unknown number of attractive and intelligent children, in whose upbringing he

was to play little part. Some of his wives and girland at various times O'Connor earned a living by pushing an old man round Salisbury in a bath-chair, wielding the lights at the Bedford Music Hall in Camden Town, and as an operator on the continental telephone exchange. In this last role, he boasted that he had eavesdropped on a private conversation between the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

The publication of the complex, adroit and highly pertinent Memoirs of a Public Baby lent O'Connor considerable prestige in literary circles: Dorothy Parker declared in Esquire that there could be no calmer word to describe the book than superb and, in the Sunday Times, Cyril Con-Poetry was a perfect outlet nolly loudly proclaimed O'Con-



book's success launched its au- and beguiling American Panna thor into a career as an off-beat radio interviewer.

In a series of Third Programme documentaries, produced by the writer David Thomson of Woodbrook fame, his gift for absolute and immediate intimacy with his subjects - the hitherto unknown Quentin Crisp was among them -won him admiring audiences. Vagrancy and other autobiographical works followed and three volumes of poetry but O'Connor's grasp on his genius proved illusory and much of his later work came out too convoluted to be publishable. "I have this dotty idea of accuracy," he explained in old age. Everything I write becomes so infernally complicated." Drink may not have helped though there were certainly periods of

Texas is interestingly entitled terms, O'Connor's life was sta-spirit a "blessed new chance".

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deposit at the University of

Grady, whose self-effacing generosity to artists and writers in her New York apartment in the Dakota building had been on an epic scale. O'Connor started the movements of others. This prilove affair which was to last for the rest of his life. Repeating the earlier pattern, the couple left immediately for France, and soon settled in Winnereux where O'Connor's formative early years had been spent. The patisserie - which still exists today was now in other hands, but Mrs Grady was able to purchase the largest house on the sea front, from an upper floor of just as likely to offer visitors which O'Connor was to play a glass of boiling rum as a Beethoven loudly and bark in-

A few years later they and their two sons moved to the South of France, living a conamong the O'Connor papers on nor's old friend and supporter demon". Stephen Spender, who on the publication of Memoirs of a

suits at the country across the

Channel.

mosphere of strange fastidiousness around them in which O'Connor's hisses and cackles were matched by a neurasthenic fear of the sounds and vate world hedged in by Grady's antique screens and Chinese tapestries was rarely penetrated or understood by others, though O'Connor could on occasions be an exhilarating host. Reluctant to shake hands - he was more likely to extend a dangling finger - he had considerable skills as a cook, dabbled interestingly with chickens but was tumbler of the best champagne.

It could be argued that Philip O'Connor never grew up. Most of his life he avoided responsibility for others and himself. He was, said Stephen venient distance from O'Con- Spender, "part angel, part

Andrew Barrow

"Adventures Without Alcohol". Public Baby had declared that Philip Marie Constant Bancroft In material and emotional O'Connor offered body and O'Connor, writer, poet and broadcaster: born Leighton Buzzard, Bednor for many years afterwards. realist movement then perco-contemporary sensibility". The of 51 with the young, beautiful married, but they created an at-Fontoriches, France 29 May 1998.

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Aids, defied its encroachment

Professor Cecil Grayson

CECIL GRAYSON's contri- terest was Dante, on whom bution to Italian culture was of Grayson lectured in Oxford a solidity which will survive the trends and vagaries of critical fashion. His work received wide England, but also (and even fascinated by the complex probmore importantly) in Italy. lems posed by the manuscript

Batley Grammar School and when he graduated in Modern Languages at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, in 1947. Appointed soon afterwards to a university lectureship in Italian, he met Carlo Dionisotti, another lecturer in Italian, who was nine years his senior and who followed the tradition of the Italian scuola storica, with its stress on the linguistic and historical dimension of the literary text.

The encounter between the two was not without influence on Grayson, whose intellectual interest and disposition made him a keen and efficient collaborator of Dionisotti, and his equal partner in their joint editorship of The Early Italian Texts (1949). This was the first book of its kind to appear in England (or Italy) with a comprehensive and particularly useful philological commentary.

Throughout the years of his university lectureship (1948-57), Grayson also held various college. lectureships which brought him into full contact with the Oxford tutorial system. He survived its rigorous and sometimes impossible demands, managing to reconcile teaching and research and remaining in touch with all the authors and periods of Italian literature (both at the literary and linguistic level).

His earliest and major object of research was Leon Battista Alberti, an important figure of the Italian Renaissance. Grayson edited and published two minor texts in Italy in 1954. They brought him immediate recognition - membership of the Accademia Letteraria Italiana dell'Arcadia in 1958. It was a recognition of Grayson's exceptional editorial talent that he should be entrusted with the national edition of Alberti's works - an onerous and complex task to which he was able to apply himself with even greater vigour than before after his elevation to the Serena Chair of Italian at Oxford in 1958. The three volumes of Opere Volgari appeared in print between 1960 and 1973 and have since remained the tion of Albert

The other line of research be pursued centred again on a Re- Grayson: scuola storica naissance topic: the controversies and debates that attended the rise and adoption of a common literary language in Italy during the 15th and 16th centuries. Here again he felt that the preliminary step towards a better understanding of the problems consisted in publishing new material and in re-examining critically some traditional attributions (one of the favourite pre-

cepts of the old scuola storica). It is in this light and in this context that one should place his edition of the published and unpublished writings of Vincenzo Colli ("Il Calmeta"). Prose e Lettere edite e inedite (1959); that of Alberti's so-called Grammatichetta Vaticana (1964); lectures like "A Renaissance Controversy: Latin or Italian?"; the more controversial essay

"Machiavelli e Dante", and so on. An even more central in-

and elsewhere, supervised postgraduate research, and published a number of essays. acknowledgement not only in Although he was particularly Having been educated at tradition, there was no aspect of Dante's works about which he served in the Army for six was less than fully au courant. years, Grayson was already 26 For 24 years he was President and Secretary of the Oxford Dante Society, founded on an interdisciplinary basis in 1876 by the eminent Dantean scholar Edward Moore, Principal of St Edmund Hall. In 1980 Grayson edited a volume of essays, The. World of Dante, to celebrate the society's 100th anniversary.

In manner, appearance and

temperament Cecil Grayson

was thoroughly English, but

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his ability to think, write and speak in Italian was practically indistinguishable from that of an educated Italian. Most of his publications appeared in Italy and were written in Italian. which no doubt contributed to the very early recognition of his merits and to his membership of various Italian academies (the Lincei and the Crusca) among others). The prestigious International Galileo Prize for the study of the Italian Language was awarded to him in 1974, in advance of the honours subsequently conferred upon him in England. It is difficult to think of another case in which a scholar has fitted so quickly and successfully into a foreign academic environment.

Although Grayson was well known in Bologna, Rome and Venice, the city with which he was most closely associated was Florence. This is not surprising considering that the period of Italian culture to which he devoted his attention was the Renaissance, and that the literary figures which he studied were basically Florentine. His translation



into English of Roberto Ridolfi's lives of Savonarola (1959). Machiavelli (1963) and Guicciardini (1967) reinforced his ties with the academic and cultural circles of Florence, where he felt perfectly at home and where he and his ever-supportive wife were welcome visitors.

At the time of his death he was a consultant on the editorial board for the publication of Piero della Francesca's writings.

Valerio Lucchesi

Cecil Grayson, Italian scholar: born 5 February 1920; Lecturer, St Edmund Hall, Oxford 1948-57; Lecturer, New College, Oxford 1954-57; Fellow, Magdalen College, Oxford 1958-87 (Emeritus); Serena Professor of Italian Studies, Oxford University 1958-87; CBE 1992; married 1947 Margaret jordan (one son, three dayghters); died Oxford 28 Abril 1998.

Donald Rawley



Rawley: tolerant Photograph: Roger James

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BIRTHS,

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choanalyst, artist, author, born I February 1900, Died, pen in hand, 29

May 1998. Funeral All Saints, Talbot Road. Highgate Ham Saturday 6 June. Flowers (optional) to Levertons.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Rawley was very, very good at entrances and at exits - in real life and in his writing.

He first came to public attention as a writer of humid and verdant poetry. His five collections - Duende, Sirens, Steaming, Malibu Stories and Mecca garnered him several awards, next year.) much critical praise and a fanbase that above all loved to hear these poems performed, with Rawley commanding the stage like a ringmaster. He also became a notable article-writer in California - his pieces in the legendary (and recently deceased) magazine Buzz glittered and dazzled. He brought the viper-

King Constantine of the Hellenes, 58; Richard Bonallack, mechanical en-gineer, 94; Lord Boyd-Carpenter, for-mer government minister, 90; Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, aerospace

consultant, 78; Miss Heather Couper, astronomer and broadcaster, 49; Mr

Handel Davies, aeronautical engi-neer, 86; Mr Mark Elder, conductor,

51; Mr Marvin Hamlisch, composer, 54; The Right Rev Richard Harries,

Bishop of Oxford, 62; Professor

Dame Rosalyn Higgins QC, a judge of the International Court of Justice,

61; Mr Trevor Jesty, cricketer, 50; Sir

Kenneth Jupp, former High Court judge, 81; Miss Sally Kellerman, ac-

64: Sir Denis Mountain, honorary

president, Eagle Star Insurance, 69;

Professor Robin Orr, composer, 89;

Lord Penrose, a Senator of the Col-lege of Justice in Scotland, 60; Canon

Dr Anthony Phillips, former Head-

master, King's School, Canterbury, 62; Sir Christopher Slade, a former

Lord Justice of Appeal, 71; Mr

Johnny Speight, scriptwriter, 78: Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman, ISYS, 77: Mrs Barbara Tate, President, So-

ciety of Women Artists, 71; Mr

Charlie Watts, rock drummer, 57.

Births: Donation Alphonse-François,

Marquis de Sade, writer and libertine

1740; Grace Aguilar, novelist and his-

torian, 1816; Thomas Hardy, novel-

ist, 1840; Sir Edward William Elgar, composer, 1857; Nubar Sarkis Gui-

benkian, millionaire, 1896; (Peter John) Johnny Welssmuller, swimmer

Anniversaries

ess, 61; Miss Sonia Lawson, artist,

Birthdays

consummate elegance of Fitzgerald together to pin febrile, languid LA society to the wall for all to see clearly. (Several of those pieces together with other essays are to be gathered together and published in book form as Letters from Hollywood

And then he did what he had to do: he took this rich matter, took his gifts for seeing it more clearly than most, and turned it into great fiction. He began publishing his short stories in the early 1990s, in the New Yorker, Harper's and elsewhere. With them, he took his reader into a world crazy with heat and de-

and film "Tarzan", 1903. Deaths: Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian nation-alist leader, 1882; Sir Redvers Hen-

ry Buller VC, general, 1908; Victoria Mary Sackville-West, writer, 1962;

George Alfred, Baron George-Brown, statesman, 1985; Andres

Segovia, guitarist, 1987; Sir Rez Carey Harrison, actor, 1990. On this day: Lord George Gordon led

"No Popery Riots" in London, 1780; Greek troops occupied Corfn, 1864; Japan took possession of Formosa

(Taiwan) from China, 1895; the world's first patent for wireless teleg-

raphy was granted to Guglielmo Marconi, 1896; clothes rationing be-

gan, 1941; the Coronation of Queen

Elizabeth II took place in Westmin-ster Abbey, 1953, Today is the Feast Day of St Attalus, St Erasmus or Elmo, St Eugenius I, pope, Saints

Marcellinus and Peter, St Nicholas

the Pilgrim, St Pothims and his Companions and St Stephen of

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Match of the Day (1): Velázquez, Philip IV Huming Wild Boar (*La Tela

Victoria and Albert Museum: Clare Ford Willie, "The Develop-ment of Gothic Art: painting",

A memorial service for David Hicks

will be held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London W1, on

Wednesday I July at 12 noon.

Lectures

Real")", 1pm.

David Hicks

LIKE all the true stars, Donald ish tongue of Capote and the sire, peopled by the misplaced and the misbegotten, lost souls and those lost to sex, and he tried to report the intensity of feeling he found there with the accuracy (and artistry) of a news photographer.

What resulted is a series of stories, from "Rattlesnake Season" via "Honey Carter" to "Casa Alegre", that deserve to remain read for years to come in the Californian line cracked by Fitzgerald and extended by Nathanael West and Raymond Chandler. Fourteen of those stories are gathered together in Slow Dance on the Fault Line (his first book of fiction), whose publication in 1997 saw Rawley

acclaimed in the Independent by Elizabeth Young as the literary newcomer of the year.

A longer tale - in some measure his own - of a boy coming of age into his sexuality. "The Night Bird Cantata", is due for publication, in a volume with Rawley's four great last stories, later this summer. It is excentionally sad that he will not live to see it appear; but, like all durable art, it would have outlived its creator in any event and will be part of his legacy to the world - like his singular collection of outsize jewellery.

His love of language and his ability to find the peculiar dig-

so very unheroically, that is without palaver, without a trace of self-pity, that he will remain a beacon of right behaviour to all of those whom he brushed with his gown. Philip Gwyn Jones Donald Paul Rawley, writer: born Chicago II October 1957; died Sher-

nity of those in whom most man Oaks, California 3 May 1998.

LAW REPORT: 2 JUNE 1998

Sentencing guidelines for importation of amphetamine

Regina v Wijs; Regina v Rae; Regina v Donaldson; Regina v Church; Regina v Haller; Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Bingham of Comhill, Lord

Chief justice, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Penry-Davey) 20 May 1998 THE COURT of Appeal, in allowing the appeals against sentence of Eric Jan Wijs, Darryn

Rae, John Church and Pierre Egbert Haller, and dismissing the appeal against sentence of Andrew Donaldson, gave guidelines as to the appropriate level of sentencing in cases of importing amphetamine. Althea Brown (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Wijs; John Mannion (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Rae; Martyn Levett (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Donaldson; Paul Higham (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Church; David Harounoff (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Haller; Mark Bryant-Heron (Solicitor fendant's plea (and, if the plea for Customs and Excise) for the Crown.

amphetamine was a synthetic stimulant which, in powder or tablet form, fell within Part II of Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and was thus a Class B controlled drug.

The best-known and most widely abused Class B drugs were herbal cannabis and cannabis resin. In R v Aramah (1982) 4 Cr App R (S) 407, as refined in R v Ronchetti (unreported, 28 November 1997) the court had given guidance on the appropriate levels of sentence on conviction of unlawfully importing those drugs.

As had been repeatedly emphasised, those were guidelines only. The appropriate sentence in any case would depend on a number of circumstances, including the de-

was one of guilty, the date at which it had been tendered); There were two very Lord Bingham CJ said that the defendant's history of inobvious differences between volvement in drug trafficking; his role in the importation; any help which he might have given to the authorities; and

other relevant matters. The penalty for importing a controlled drug would in many cases be higher, and rarely lower, than for possession with intent to supply.

Although the section of the judgment in Rv Aramah setting out the basis of the guidelines was headed "Class B drugs, particularly cannabis", it was plain that the court had had herbal cannabis and cannabis resin, and by analogy (but see R v Ronchetti) cannabis oil, in mind. In R v Falshaw (1993) 14 Cr App R (S) 749 the purity of 73 per cent amphet-

made between cannabis and amphetamine.

cannabis and amphetamine: 1) amphetamine had always, weight for weight, been vastly more valuable than cannabis; 2) it had always been the practice to

retail ampheramine to consumers in a highly adulterated form, and at retail level the purity might well be no more than 10 to 12 per cent or even

In cases concerning the importation of amphetamine, the appropriate levels of sentence should depend not on the market value of the drugs, but, subject to all other considerations. on the quantity of the amphetamine in question calculated on the basis of 100 per cent pure amphetamine base (i.e. the maximum theoretical court had pointed out that no amine base in amphetamine exact comparison could be sulphate, the remaining 27

per cent being the sulphate). On conviction of importing amphetamine following a contested trial a custodial sentence would almost inevitably be called for save in exceptional circumstances or where the quantity of the drug was so. small as to be compatible only with personal consumption by the importer.

The ordinary level of sentence should be as follows: 1) up to 500 grammes: up to two years' imprisonment;

2) more than 500 grammes but less than 2.5 kilos: two to four years'

3) more than 2.5 kilos but less than-10 kilos: four to seven years' imprisonment:

4) more than 10 but less than 15 kilos: seven to 10 years' imprisonment; 5) more than 15 kilos: upwards of ten years' imprisonment, subject to the statutory maximum of 14 years

Kate O'Hanion, Barrister



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US drugs giants in \$33bn merger

in New York

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IN A dramatic reshaping of the pharmaceutical and chemical industries, American Home Products revealed yesterday that it is to purchase Monsanto Co for \$33bn in stock to create a new colossus that will make everything from overthe-counter headache pills to herbicides and genetically engineered seeds.

It is a marriage that will bring together under the same roof one of the most wellknown medical and drug companies in the US, American Home, and a long-time leader in the chemical and agricultural research industries, Monsanto.

The deal comes several months after the failure of merger talks between American Home and the British pharmaceuticals giant, SmithKline Beecham. SmithKline dropped American Home when it decided to pursue a marriage with Glaxo Wellcome. That deal also failed to materialise.

There was speculation yesterday that Monsanto fell into the embrace of American Home quickly to avoid becoming a target for takeover by another of the major players in the industry, especially either cush-rich Dupont and Pfizer, although this was denied by Robert Shapiro, the company's chief executive, who said: "We weren't running away from anyone." Analysts did not rule out one of the two making a counter-bid for Monsanto.

American Home's stock was up \$1 cents on the news at midday in New York at \$49.125 while Monsanto gained 19 cents to reach \$55.56.

Still without a name, the new company will be based at-American Home's home in Madison, New Jersey, with an agricultural division in St Louis, Missouri, where Monsanto is headquartered. American Home's Chief Executive Officer, John Stafford, and his counterpart. Mr Shapiro, will be co-chairmen and joint-CEOs of

the new entity. The new company will have a market capitalisation of 596bn and will have 1998 sales totalling \$28bn in products ranging from household goods, prescription drugs and supplies for farmers. Among American Home's best-known product is Advil, the headache pill, Robitussin cough medicine and Chap Stick lip balm. Monsanto makes Roundup weedkiller and Nutrasweet, the sugar substitute.

It seems certain that overlapping between the two companies will result in some significant layoffs in their worldwide workforces. "There will be some duplication that will have to be addressed," Mr Stafford conceded yesterday.

The two companies said they expected the merger to generate savings of \$1.25bn to \$1.5bn annually within three

"It is becoming more and more costly to take advantage of the new technologies, the new biology, that is available in both the medical and the agricultural field," Mr Stafford commented. "This combination will enable us to have the resources to be able to pursue those new technologies and turn them into products that will be helpful to the medical profession, consumers, agricutural research and other con-

Even assuming no counterbids emerge, the transaction will still be subject to approval end of this year, officials said.

Under the deal, owners of American Home Products stock will get a share in the new company for each of their shares and will emerge with 65 per cent of the equity in the combined entity. Monsanto shareholders will get 35 per cent of the shares in the new company and will get 1.15 shares for each Monsanto share.

American Home still faces the threat of class action lawsuits stemming from dieting drugs that it manufactured that were hastily withdrawn from the US market last year after potentially lethal cardiac side effects were uncovered.



is for a new range of digital cordless phones. BT expects more than 500,000 homes to have the phones by next year. Photograph: Eye Catchers Press

Industry gloom should hold rates

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

THE BANK of England's Monetary Policy Committee is expected to vote against an increase in interest rates after its meeting this week, following fresh evidence that manufacturing industry is suffering a re-

The financial markets have from both sides' shareholders; started to look forward to reand by the usual regulators | ductions in the cost of borrowarms of the US government. If ing later this year, although all obstacles are overcome. some City economists still fear however, it should close by the | - along with the MPC's minority of hawks - that higher pay growth and an unsatisfactory inflation performance could force one more rate rise.

> At its meeting tomorrow and Thursday the MPC will, for the first time, be up to its full strength of nine members. With the Bank of England Act coming into force yesterday, John Vickers, the Bank's new chief economist, takes his place. But even with this new member. those voting for a rate rise this month are expected to be in a minority of two or three.

The latest survey of industry showed a small contraction in manufacturing industry in May, for the second month running.

and employment declined, according to the monthly survey of purchasing managers by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing

The overall activity index edged down from 49.5 to 49.3 last month, both just below the watershed of 50 between expansion and contraction. The output component edged up to 50.4, but the new orders index fell to 49.0. Domestic orders weakened slightly, but dismal export orders were the main

The employment index fell too, as companies "showed a reluctance to replace labour lost through natural wastage," according to the CIPS.

The detail of the survey showed consumer goods manufacturers still doing well, with the order book growing and output expanding at a reasonably robust rate. However, capital goods manufacturers have continued to suffer from the strength of the pound. Their export orders were down again, and domestic customers have been switching to cheaper imports.

Peter Thomson, director general, said: "The question now remanufacturing economy will slip further into recession or level

The CIPS survey follows a gloomy report on manufacturing prospects from the Confederation of British Industry last week. The survey evidence has been more buoyant than official figures for some months, but the latest results have brought them closer into line with the dismal picture of outright recession in

David Mackie, UK economist at JP Morgan, said: "It is hard to be optimistic about where manufacturing can go next." He predicted interest rates would remain unchanged until the end of this year, adding that a reduction later this year, as implied by the sterling futures market, could not be ruled out.

However, some City experts remain concerned about inflationary pressure in the other three quarters of the economy, and especially signs that earnings growth is heading upwards.

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Nikko tie-up stokes job fears

TRAVELERS Group, the US financial giant, yesterday confirmed it was to take a 25 per cent stake in Nikko, the third largest Japanese brokerage. raising City fears of another round of job cuts.

Travelers, which only last month announced plans to merge with Citicorp to create a \$70bn powerhouse, said it would buy Nikko shares worth 70bn yen and Nikko convertible bonds worth ¥150bm. Nikko will buy between ¥5bn and ¥10bnworth of shares in Travelers.

Our creating a partnership with Nikko will allow us to be more productive not only in this marketplace but all around the world," said Sanford Weill, chairman and chief executive officer of Travelers Group, at a press conference in Tokyo.

Salomon Smith Barney, a subsidiary of Travelers, and Nikko are to set up a joint venture - Nikko Salomon Smith Barney - which will focus on Japanese institutional clients. The venture will be based in Japan, although their international networks will be affected.

Michel de Carvalho, head of international operations at Nikko Securities, confirmed

there would be "fall-out" from the deal at Nikko Europe's operations in the City. Nikko Europe, a wholly owned subsidiary of Nikko Securities, employs around 500 people in London.

However, Mr de Carvalho stressed there would be no immediate job losses, and any redundancies would be handled sensitively. He said he did not anticipate job cuts "for the next seven to nine months".

Worst hit will be employees at Nikko Europe employed in [uity issues would transfer to a London-based branch of Nikko Salomon Smith Barney.

Masashi Kaneko, president of Nikko Securities, said he did not expect the tie-up would trigger immediate job cuts in Japan. Investors in Tokyo reacted positively to the news, pushing up Nikko Securities shares 11 per cent to close at ¥482.

Separately, the Tokyo Stock Exchange launched an investigation vesterday over possible insider trading involving Nikko shares after the price of its stock jumped Friday, an exchange official said. Nikko shares closed at 436 year on Friday, up 4.8 per of money at stake," said one cent from Thursday's close.

Trafalgar House to sue over road contract

By Michael Harrison

TRAFALGAR House intends to sue the Indonesian government for up to \$60m in damages if its contract to build a \$700m toll road in the country does not

It has also emerged that cancelling the project, awarded four years ago by the Suharto regime, could cost the British taxpayer up to \$4m.

The concession to build and operate the 60 kilometre road in West Java was suspended last September by the Suharto government as a condition of its financial bail-out by the International Monetary Fund.

Indonesian officials have now indicated that the concession may be re-let because the consortium assembled by Trafalgar House included a company controlled by the daughter of President Suharto.

Trafalgar, now owned by the Norwegian group Kvaerner. and its Indonesian partners are understood to have spent about \$30m on the project so far. The consortium is owned 40 per cent by Trafalgar, 30 per cent by the state-owned Indonesia toll road operator, Jasa Marga, and 30 per cent by Citra Lamtoro Gung Persada, a company controlled by Subarto's eldest daughter Tutut.

The project also received more than £10m in aid from the British Government. About \$4m of this has so far been handed over to Jasa Marga to help fund its financial contribution to the consortium.

The British aid has been used to pay for initial design work on the toll road and some engineering services. The aid was granted because a lot of the steelwork for the road, which would European equities and bonds. | go through a mountainous area Those involved in doing deals | of West Java, was intended to involving Japanese debt and eq- come from another Kvaerner subsidiary, Cleveland Bridge.

The Trafalgar consortium is understood to have submitted the lowest bid for the contract. The equity financing was also structured so that Trafalgar's two Indonesian partners out up their share of the initial costs.

Under the original bid Trafalgar's stake would have dropped to 15 per cent when project financing was in place for the road. The shareholding of the Suharto-controlled company would have failen to 5 per cent.

"If this project does not proceed then we are entitled to compensation and there is a lot

Water firms fear £l bn 'loss'

By Michael Harrison

WATER companies warned yesterday that £1hn will be wiped off profits while their investment programmes would be "zapped" if the industry regulator Ofwat goes ahead with plans for a big one-off cut in water bills.

The warning came as the industry released a consumer survey showing that only one in eight households is prepared to pay higher bills in return for major environmental improvements to the network. The survey, carried out by

NOP for the industry lobby

that if savings were available then half of the money should be used to reduce bills and the other half to fund environmental improvements.

Brian Duckworth, chairman of Water UK and managing director of Severn Trent, maintained, however, that the main message from the research was that customers would prefer to see environmental and service improvements rather than a reduction in bills.

He said that if the industry regulator lan Byatt imposed a 15 per cent cut in bills profits would be halved from last year's

group Water UK, also showed level of £2bn. The industry's £50m-a-year investment programme would be "zapped" and prices would have to go up, further confusing consumers.

> would cost £11bn to comply with European Union directives to improve water services. Ofwat believes this figure is a gross exaggeration. It has also cast doubt on research carried out by the Environment Agency, showing that consumers would be happy to pay higher bills for cleaner water, saying the surveys need to be treated with "great caution". According to the Water UK

The industry claims that it

survey of 2,000 customers carried out in February and March, 44 per cent of households would be happy to see bills rise in line with inflation provided there were major service improvements, while 39 per cent wanted to see both bills and service standards held at present levels. Only 13 per

cent said they would be pre-

pared to see bills rise by more than inflation to fund major improvements. Reducing leakages, minimising flooding and improving

reliability of supply were customers' top three priorities.

Penny stocks pay off for Mainline

By Andrew Verity

MORE THAN 2,300 employees of Mainline, a Yorkshire bus company, were yesterday told they would receive payouts worth up to £32,000 each if they vote in favour a takeover in three weeks time.

FirstGroup, the £1.4bn transport group, yesterday offered £28.7m for the employeeowned company, putting a price of £6.40 on shares bought five years ago by employees for the princely sum of a penny each.

In one example, Geoff Perry. Outlook, page 25 | a 64-year-old coach painter, holds 5,000 shares after 44 years of service with Mainline and its predecessor companies. He stands to gain £32,000 if the offer goes through.

Employees at Mainline became partners in the Sheffieldbased company in 1993, when the local bus operation was sold to employees by Sypta, the South Yorkshire Public Transport Authority. It runs 700 buses and provides services to Sheffield, Doncaster and Rotherham.

Shares with a nominal value of a penny were given to all permanent employees in an

attempt to fight suggestions that the privatisation was purely to the benefit of City "fatcats".

Within a year the shares had risen to 85p. By 1995, when FirstGroup bought a 20 per cent stake in the company, the shares had doubled to £1.50. At the end of March, auditors said the shares were worth £2.30 each.

Steve Arnold, a spokesman for Mainline, said: "The only qualification [for shares] was a person having two or more years of service. As it was said at the time - all shareholders were created equal. There has

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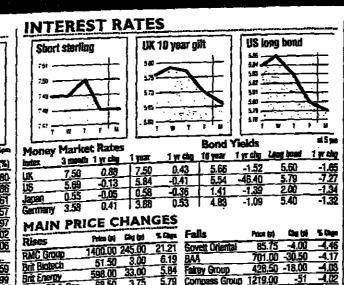
always been a feeling of inevitability that an offer like this would come along at some point."

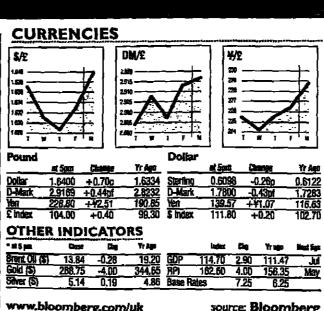
FirstGroup bought the bus company as part of a strategy of expanding by acquisition. In March, the transport group bought Great Western Holdings, owners of the Great Western Railway franchise, and a majority stake in Bristol International Airport.

Employees will be offered 111.24 shares in FirstGroup, plus £160 in cash, for every 100 Mainline shares.

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Emap looks solid but highly priced

OVER THE past year, Emap's share price to the circulation graph for FHM, its popular lads mag. However, it would be a tad simplistic to suggest that Emap's popularity in the City is entirely down to the success of putting near-naked babes on the newsstands. Although UK consumer magazines is Emap's largest business, it also has a similar operation in France and an exhibitions subsidiary, not to mention a well-established radio division.

All four divisions contributed to Emap's growth in the year to March, when underlying profits rose by 17 per cent to £142m on continuing sales which were up 4 per cent to £773m. The question, however, is whether this kind of growth can be sustained. Given that paper prices are at record lows and advertising rates hitting all-time highs, it would seem that things can only get worse for Emap.

Expansion plans in the UK are also constrained by competition laws. A looming Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry put Emap at a severe disadvantage in the race to buy the IPC magazines group.

And radio ownership rules mean that Emap had to sell Red Dragon, its Cardiff station, in order to be allowed to buy Melody, the London easy-listening outfit.

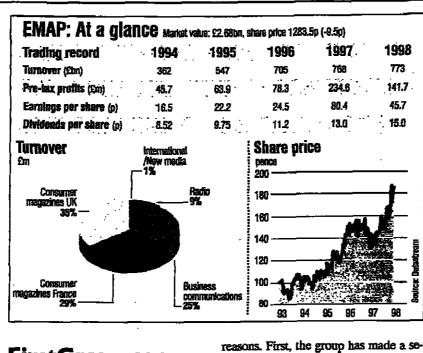
That said, Emap believes there is plenty of growth in overseas markets. It graph has borne an uncanny resemblance has already launched FHIM in Australia. and is planning similar moves into other countries, including a possible foray into the US if it can find the right deal.

Back home, it will continue to launch new titles - the company expects that launch costs this year will be about £20m - up 50 per cent on the previous 12 months. The launch of Red, the women's glossy, suggests that Emap still thinks there is room for more titles on the newsagents'

All this makes Emap a solid, and rel-

atively risk-free, media stock. There is no

digital hype - soon-to-be-chairman Robin Miller is cool on the prospects for digital television channels based on magazine titles, while his enthusiasm for digital radio question of whether Emap justifies its current rating. On profit forecasts of £161m the shares, which dropped 12.5p to 1280.5p yesterday, trade on a forward multiple of 25. Given Emap's exposure to an advertising downturn or higher paper prices, the shares are high enough.



FirstGroup can travel further

is waning. However, this also raises the HAS FIRSTGROUP, the buses-to-airports group, travelled too far, too fast? Since the beginning of 1998, the shares have nearly doubled in price, from 223p to 431.5p. Earnings per share have gone up by 30 per cent every year for the past three years. Can it sustain this sort of pace? The City is enthusiastic for two main

Bus, the company has bought its way into becoming an integrated transport company. In December, it bought a 51 per cent stake in Bristol International Airport. In March, it spent £105m on the whole of the Great Western Railway franchise, to add to its existing North West Trains operation. First Group has entered a joint venture with Hong Kong's New World Development

ries of rapid acquisitions in the last 12

months. Ditching its old identity as First

mer colony. And yesterday it announced the £29.7m purchase of Mainline, a south Yorkshire company which runs 700 buses.

After initial scepticism, shareholders have endorsed the idea of the integrated transport group. That image has also been reinforced by the Government's imminent White Paper on transport which is expected to contain proposals to stimulate public demand and reward the combined use of trains, planes and buses.

The trendy nature of the stock, is, of course, already reflected in the price. Profits last year were up 42 per cent to £72.5m. But a £17m restructuring charge on the newly acquired businesses is forecast to depress earnings to just £95m in the coming year. That puts the shares, which slid 2p to 431.5p yesterday, on a forward earnings multiple of 20, which is not expensive compared to FirstGroup's peers. Hold for the long term.

Ultraframe thrives in the conservatory

PUTTING roofs on conservatories hardly sounds like the way to make a fortune. But it's precisely the business behind Ultraframe, one of the market's favourite stocks of the moment. Since the company joined the market last October its share price has more than doubled as Ultraframe Company to run 88 bus routes in the for- showed that bringing conservatories to

Middle England can be a lucrative trade,

Ultraframe's secret is its innovative design of roofs, which allows conservatories to be built faster and cheaper than before. This brainwave has given the firm a third of the British conservatory market. The design is protected by a series of patents, which are constantly updated and improved.

As yesterday's half-year results show, business is booming. Turnover was up by a fifth to £26m while protect profits, helped by a relatively stable cost base, jumped 86 per cent to £6.9m.

How long can the boom last? True, the figures did receive a one-off boost from the mild winter, which allowed building work to carry on for longer than usual. But there is still mileage in helping Mrs Smith keep up with the Joneses by building a conservatory.

What's more, there are plenty of opportunities which Ultraframe has not yet begun to exploit. It is looking to build up exports to continental Europe and the US. There are also deals to be done with pub and restaurant chains, expanding their space by constructing conservatories, or building them as standard on new homes,

This all adds up to a rosy outlook for Ultraframe. But this doesn't necessarily mean the shares are worth buying. Williams de Broë, the stockbroker, predicts full-year profits of £18m, putting the shares, up 5.5p to 360.5p yesterday, on an ambitious forward p/e ratio of 27. For now, that's high enough.

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GRE moves into US in £475m deal with ING

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange is selling its Canadian operations and buying into the US in a £475m deal with ING, the Dutch financial services group. Guardian will buy ING's property and casualty insurance arm, the Netherlands Insurance Companies. In part exchange, it will sell Guardian Insurance Company of Canada and pay the £475m in cash. John Robins, chief executive, said the deal would quadruple Guardian's US operations. In many states, it would put it in the top three for property and casualty insurance. He added the deal should allow Guardian to realise savings of £31m a year.

Pension contributions shrink

BIG EMPLOYERS dropped the amount they paid into pension schemes last year by 7 per cent, a study by Incomes Data Services has shown. Contributions by 184 of the biggest pension funds, fell from £3.84bn to £3.58bn in the year to March 1997, the last for which figures are available. Separately, a survey by Coopers & Lybrand warned employers would suffer heavily if stock markets fell because they favoured buying shares for their pension funds rather than gilts. This was despite the fact that many members had retired, which suggested pension funds should invest in gilts.

Emap cool on digital radio

EMAP is close to pulling out of the consortium which is bidding for the licence to run national digital radio. "We still have to be persuaded," Robin Miller, the media group's chief executive said yesterday. "Nobody's quite certain as to what the rewards will be but what we can see is a huge cost." EMAP had been considering joining GWR, which owns Classic FM, and Virgin Radio in mounting a bid. Applications are due to be submitted to the Radio Authority by the end of June.

Clear Channel raises stake

CLEAR CHANNEL Communications, the US media giant, yesterday raised its stake in More Group to 29.88 per cent by buying shares in the market, taking it one step closer to winning the bid battle for the outdoor advertising outfit. With the approval of More's board, which it will seek this morning, Clear Channel plans to take its stake above 30 per cent. Its 1110p a share offer, which More has recommended over a 1220p a share indicative offer from Decaux, its French rival, closes on June 13. More Group shares closed down 24.5p at 1,108p.

Standard Life business booms

STANDARD LIFE, the UK's biggest mutual insurance company, saw business boom by a third in the half year to May. New premiums rose by 33 per cent to £281m, calculated on an annual basis. The company has prospered mainly because of its "fair deal" pension contract, which broke new ground because it did not penalise policyholders who had to stop paying in. Standard Life said full-year results should show its new business has doubled over three years.

ITV companies seek renewal

ELEVEN of the 16 ITV licensees yesterday submitted applications to the Independent Television Commission, seeking early renewal of their licences. The applicants included Carlton, Central and Westcountry, which are all held by Carlton Communications, Michael Green's media group. United News & Media also submitted its HTV and Meridian licences for renewal, in the hope that the ITC will reduce the terms attached to them. The watchdog is expected to give its ruling in the autumn. However, none of the licensees are forced to accept the ITC's revised terms.

UBS executives sue

TWO Union Bank of Switzerland executives have said that they sued The Economist for a report that alleged the bank's Singapore branch may have lost as much as 1bn Swiss francs from large bets on interest rates and foreign exchange. Last week, the bank denied the report and said the branch made a profit of S\$42m last year. Lim Ho Kee, chairman of UBS East Asia, and James Loh, regional head of interest rate and currency risk management, said their lawyers filed the suits against the newspaper on Monday in Singapore. Lim and Loh said they have given The Economist 48 hours to retract the article, apologise and to pay damages. UBS, which said it was seeking legal advice on the Economist story, is in the process of merging with Swiss Bank Corp to form UBS AG, Europe's biggest bank.

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Columbus Group (F)	25.47m (17.45m)	3.074m (1.589m)	1.25p (0.76p)	0.590 (0.370
EMAP (F)	772.6m (768.2m)			
FirstGroup (F)	795.0m (557.3m)		17.7p (16.0p)	10.05p (15.6
Get Greep (I)	50,59m (22.28m)		5.56p (3.75p)	6 Bp (5.5p)
Ragian Properties (F)	34.41m (34.57m)	21	3.27p (1.40p)	1.0p (0.9p)
Stans Feed (F)	79.39m (155.43m)			1.3p (1.1p)
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But he refused to disclose the name of the clearing bank. or any of the consortium's other backers. He said Crewe Motors, named after the location of the Rolls-Royce factory. would better the £430m bid tabled by VW and would match the DM the it has pledged to invest in the Rolls product range

Show us the colour of your money, Mr Shrimpton

CREWE Motors, the rag-bag collection of enthusiasts attempting to stop Rolls-Royce Motor Cars from falling into German hands, may be a serious proposition. Alternatively, it may be nothing more than a pantomime horse. The front end is formed by the ample bulk of Michael Shrimpton, a Bentley-driving barrister with a penchant for self-publicity. The rear end, if we are to believe Mr Shrimpton, is propped up by a British clearing bank and an American billionaire. In the best panto tradition, however, the identity of these hind quarters remain a mystery.

Not for much longer. Mr Shrimpton has promised to unveil his bid by tomorrow along with the name of the clearing bank. We may have to wait a little longer for the identities of the Bentley enthusiasts supporting the offer. In fact we may never discover them - for a consortium so keen to court publicity, the Shrimpton Crewe are curiously shy when it comes to stepping into the limelight themselves.

Being a barrister, Mr Shrimpton will not be surprised to discover that Vickers, the vendors of R-RMC, will require rather more by way of hard evidence that his bid has any substance, Full disclosure, in fact, will need to be the order of the day. Crewe Motors says that it already has enough money in the kitty to top the £430m recommended offer tabled by Volkswagen, and then match the £300m the Germans have pledged to invest in the Bentley and Rolls marques over the next

All this, without ever having been granted access to the data room, the Rolls-

Royce management or the factory in Crewe for that matter. This suggests that Mr Shrimpton's backers have as much trust in him as he is asking for from Vickers' shareholders. Supposing the pantomime horse has not exited stage left by the time Friday's shareholders' meeting arrives, then the best he can hope for is a postponement of the vote on VW's offer.

In the meantime, BMW, the bidder that Vickers ditched in favour VW, remains the dark horse to watch in the closing stages of the race for Rolls-Royce.

Regulating global players

GOOD morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Jan Topolski and I am chief executive designate of Global Investment Mega Banking Inc. It has come to my attention that something called the Financial Services Authority has just been formally launched in a small but vitally important offshore link in our global markets architecture known as the City of London. This is a new all encompassing regulator for financial services in the UK, something of an experiment it might be said, dreamt up by the recently elected Blair government. I'm all in favour of innovation in financial markets - we do it all the time - but I do want to fire a few warning shots across the bows before anything gets set in concrete.

The first is that the needs of us global players are entirely different from life assurers, building societies, independent

financial advisers and other assorted flotsam and jetsam thrown up by the demands of the ordinary domestic economy. As far as us masters of the universe are concerned, we are only over here in the UK at all because the tax is lax, it's easy to get to, the opera and strawberries are good, and, hey, you speak our language.

We've already had one or two unnerving experiences with your British regulators - notably the Securities and Futures Authority, which has been cracking down on some of our leading edge innovations - and let me warn you here and now, we're not taking any more of it. Firms must know where they stand. As any childcare book will tell you, it's no good disciplining someone for something he doesn't know is an offence. If it is regarded as reprehensible to mislead the market or disadvantage the client, then we must be told as much.

But I digress. I cannot tell you how infuriating it is for us global players to be beholden to all these national regulators. Be it on your own heads if you attempt to force our management structures to fit your own regulatory blueprints. We will simply move elsewhere. This is particularly the case in places like the City - and I don't want to appear rude here - where the local market is not particularly large and which is only used by us because it is a convenient spot for international trade.

If this sounds like a threat of regulatory arbitrage, nothing could be further from my mind. Absolutely not. It is not in our long term interests for there to be weak links in the global regulatory chain, which can be costly to us. Only you must

understand that we here at Global In- success in developing a thriving high-techvestment Mega Banking know how to do it best. I'll tell you what. Why don't you let us run the FSA? Regulators are such destructive meddlers, don't you agree?

Venture capital for start-ups

PROMOTING investment in hightechnology start-ups is one of those motherhood and apple pie issues for Governments. Nobody can object to the ambition, and although some might carp about the principle of public intervention in an activity best left to the market, the amount of taxpayers' money at stake is usually too small to get worked up about.

Britain's poor start-up record and correspondingly underdeveloped venture capital market has been exercising the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, ever since he got into Government. He's hardly the first to recognise it as a core weakness in the UK economy. Public concern dates back as far as the Macmillan Commission on the financing of industry in 1932. So it seems unlikely that anything the Chancellor comes up with in a promised package of measures today will of itself do much to correct the problem. The British disease, it seems, is not so much a lack of funds as a lack of entreprencurial spirit. If the huge array of potentially profitable businesses was there, clamouring for finance, chances are the finance would be there too.

As it is, there must be some doubt as to whether Britain can mimic America's edged stock.

nology start-up sector. The bottom line is not how much start-up finance is available, but what the Government can do to boost entrepreneurship. Other than keep a steady hand on the macro economic tiller, the answer is probably only a little.

That doesn't matter necessarily, every little helps. The Chancellor sensibly intends to stake little public money on financing small high-tech companies, but will do all he can to exhort and encourage scientists and entrepreneurs. Nobody can object too much to better tax incentives for individuals who do take the plunge and start a business.

Time to bale out of water stocks

THE WATER industry says six out of 10 households would be happy to pay more for their supplies if they thought the environment was being cleaned up at the same time. The industry regulator lan Byatt says he is going to cut hills to reflect the efficiency improvements made since prices were last set five years ago. The industry howls and says this will "zap" profits and investment. The regulator says he doesn't believe its figures or its opinion polls. Something has to give and it looks like being the very big year-on-year real dividend increases investors have come to expect from water companies. Time to bale out unless you are content with an investment that begins to behave like a gilt-

FSA under fire from City as it takes over

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The Financial Services Anfull regulatory powers. At a hunch conference in London, the new "super-watchdog" was also subjected to sharp criticism from one of the City's most prominent figures.

Hans de Gier, chairman and chief executive designate of Warburg Dillon Read - the investment bank formed by the merger of UBS and SBCsaid the UK's current regulatory regime was "perceived as arbitrary" by the City.

Speaking to a collection of the great and the good in UK financial services. Mr de Gier said: "The disciplinary process will, I suggest, only be both fair and seen to be fair when it is clear to the industry that firms who disclose problems to the SFA and who take prompt remedial action are not automatically subject to lengthy, and eventually published, disciplinary action ... And although I have singled out the SFA here, I do not believe that other regulators are free of such perceptions".

The Warburg Dillon Read thority (FSA) officially took up chief also cautioned the regoits role as City policeman yes- lator against trying to force terday, amid concerns about de-firms like his own to change which will give the watchdog its national regulators' blueprints". Mr de Gier said soch a move "is likely to find the firms moving their operations to a jurisdiction where the structure which the firm has devised to best manage its operations can be maintained".

Mr de Gier's comments struck a chord among the conference delegates, who spoke of the need for a new "partnership approach" between the regulators and the regu-

Alistair Darling, chief secretary to the Treasury and another conference speaker. declined to comment directly on press reports suggesting the new FSA could face a two-year wait for its full regulatory

The Bank of England Act, which came into force yesterday, officially transfers responsibility for banking supervision from the Bank to the FSA. The FSA will also now supply regulatory services to the



Howard Davies, FSA chairman: Facing criticism about the fairness of the new super-watchdog's disciplinary processes

existing City watchdogs Imro. the PIA and the SFA.

However, the watchdogs will not be officially merged into the FSA until the proposed Financial Services Bill becomes law. According to some sources. the bill - which is yet to be published in draft form - may not come into force until the middle of 2000, rather than late 1999, as first intended. This de-

lay has sparked concerns in some areas of the City of prolonged in-fighting between the

various City regulators. Mr Darling said: "The government never announces the programme for coming legislation. All I can say is the bill will be published in draft form in the summer." He added: "We are committed to consulting as widely as possible. We want a system that will endure, and time listening is time well

Some of the delegates at the conference expressed concerns about integrating regulation of wholesale financial services transactions between two financial institutions - and retail financial services - transactions between financial institutions and the general public. Delegates said the culture of regulating wholesale activities was very different from that of regulating retail financial services. One said: "The consultative documents produced so far by the FSA have been very consumerist in tone. The wholesale financial community would like the FSA to spell out very clearly the line that divides wholesale

and retail regulation."

Howard Davies, chairman of the FSA, who made the opening address at the conference, called EU legislative procedures "cumbersome" and ill-suited to the needs of the financial community.

Mr Davies called for a greater degree of flexibility in EU laws covering financial

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Billionaire backs Rolls consortium

By Michael Harrison

THE GROUP of Rolls-Royce owners battling to keep the ramous luxury car maker in British hands is being bankroiled by an imnamed American billionaire, it emerged yesterday.

Michael Shrimpton, the Bentley-driving barrister and self-styled chairman of the Crewe Motors consortium, said vesterday that in addition to the US billionaire, he had the backing of a British clearing bank.

Mr Shrimpton said the consortium would submit its bid by tomorrow in a last-ditch effort to prevent Rolls-Royce Motor Cars being taken over by one of two German bidders. Volk-

over the next five years. "Rolls-Royce is our flagship. It is the industrial rose of England," Mi Shrimpton said.

The group, which is being advised by the small British private client broker Butterfield Securities and Financial Dynamics, intended to announce its bid formally along with the unnamed clearing bank by tomorrow at the latest.

The consortium doubts that Vickers, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars' parent company, will have time to recommend the offer. But Mr Shrimpton said he was hoping to get a postponement of Friday's extraordinary shareholders meeting called to approve the VW bid.

He said the offer would be 80 per cent equity financed and 20 per cent funded by debt and that DM1bn of investment over five years was a "realistic sum". A spokesman for Vickers

confirmed it had not yet received a firm offer from the Crewe Motors consortium, but said all new offers would be assessed. Outlook, this page

Goldman Sachs partners in talks on flotation

By Lea Patterson

PARTNERS in Goldman Sachs, one of the few remaining privately-owned investment banks, discussed floating the firm at meetings over the weekend, sources close to the firm said yesterday.

The news has fuelled speculation that partners will vote on the issue at their annual meeting in a fortnight's time. Parmers in Goldman Sachs could net up to \$100m (£60m) each if plans to float the company are approved.

Prominent London-based partners include Gavyn Davies. the leading UK economist with close ties to Labour, and Peter Sutherland, formerly an EC trade commissioner.

Two hundred Goldman Sachs managers could each receive a "consolation prize" of up to \$5m, according to banking sources. The windfalls would be an attempt to compensate the socalled "marzipan layer" of management, who would miss out on

the chance to attain the coveted status of partner if the bank were to decide on a flotation.

Members of Goldman's partnership committee and operating committee are believed to have discussed the issue of flotation at a two-day meeting at the end of last week.

Jon Corzine, the chairman and chief executive, was present, as was Henry Paulson, who was yesterday appointed as Mr Corzine's co-chairman and chief executive, the third time the firm has had co-chief executives in 25 years.

Other members of Goldman's ruling executive committee were not believed to have been present at the meeting - which was convened to address a whole range of strategic issues.

The company has already considered - and decided against - flotation on six occasions, most recently in 1996, when Mr Corzine ruled out the option after informal discussions at the bank's annual general meeting. Some sources estimate Mr Corzine, a longstanding partner, could net a much as \$800m (£480m) if the float goes through.

Opponents of flotation say it would destroy Goldman's unique partnership culture which many see as being the foundation of the firm's success. Others, though, believe the firm needs the capital if it is to keep up with its acquisitionhungry rivals like Travelers and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

Stock market conditions are also ripe for a flotation, with financial stocks achieving record ratings. Analysts believe the 130 year-old partnership could be worth \$20bn (£12bn), a price tag which would result in windfalls of \$60m for even the most junior partners, according to estimates.

When Goldman Sachs was mulling the issue of flotation back in 1996, analysts reckoned the bank could trade at a maximum of 1.5 times book value, putting a value on the partnership of up to \$10bn (£6bn). | international monetary con-

Asia crisis offsets Japan's successes

JAPANESE shares fell further vesterday as a sell-off in other Asian stock markets and bearish comments by one of the country's leading bankers fuelled worries over the region's economic turmoil.

The Nikkei index of 225 leading Japanese stocks suffered its biggest fall in three weeks, losing 2.23 per cent to close at 15,321.03, as investors took fright at falls in other Asian markets and the weakness of the yen against the dollar, which rose as high as 139.67 yen, its strongest level for al-

most seven years. Toru Hashimoto, chairman of Fuji Bank, said yesterday that he expected economic turbulence in Asia to offset the beneficial effects on Japanese economic growth of a government fiscal stimulus package.

"My view is the Japanese economy will grow by about one per cent this year as opposed to the two per cent forecast by the government," he said in Vienna. where he was attending an

ference. "This will add 1.5-two per cent to GDP growth but the turmoil in Asia has a negative impact of about two per cent. Therefore the positive and negative factors will cancel each

If he wins re-election in elections to be held on 12 July, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto is expected to introduce a programme of tax cuts designed to stimulate economic activity.

Meanwhile Lawrence Summers, the US deputy Treasury Secretary, also speaking in Vienna on Monday, said: "Growth and reflation should now be Japan's central economic priority."

Mr Summers said it was also essential to address problems of the financial sector to restore confidence and avoid a credit crunch.

He urged the Japanese govcrament to move faster in closing down insolvent banks and adopt a more determined approach to making asset markets more liquid.

Sun Life official **'lied** over funds'

By Andrew Verity

THE HEAD of Sun Life of Canada was personally responsible for company funds which were last week found to hide a £284m black hole after a senior colleague lied about funds to a court. The Independent has learnt.

Donald Stewart, who became the company's chief executive at the beginning of April - replacing John McNeil. who resigned - and is in charge of steering it to a multi-billion pound flotation next year, signed actuarial certificates in 1996 confirming the veracity of the company's finances in the previous year.

In an unprecedented ruling, a Canadian judge confirmed that Robert J Sharkey, one of Mr Stewart's senior colleagues, had lied to a court when he referred to three funds in a case brought against the company by an aggrieved policyholder.

In an Ontario appeal court. Mr Justice Maurice Cullity found that Mr Sharkey, who resigned from the company a month ago, had given fraudulent testimony when he referred to three funds worth £540m as consisting of long-term assets.

The long-term nature of the funds was used as evidence in a 1995 claim by Joel Vale, a Toronto-based landlord who had been refused permission to redeem three mortgages early. The company claimed the mortgages could not be redeemed because they were held in a long-term fund backing long-term obligations to policyholders.

After Mr Vale investigated, he discovered that in one fund alone, 50 per cent of the fund's value consisted of short-term mortgages with terms of less than 10 years. His findings were supported in a sworn affidavit by an independent actuary, Ian Baker. While Sun Life of Canada won the case, Mr Sharkey was found to have misled the court.

Mr Stewart was chief actuary of Sun Life of Canada at the time the evidence was given, however, there is no suggestion that he was involved in giving fraudulent evidence. He is a director of Sun Life Holdings, the main branch of Sun Life of Canada in the UK. The company has 300,000 British policyholders, one-third of whom hope to benefit from windfall payouts when the mutual com-

pany floats within a year. As chief actuary in 1995, Mr Stewart also signed actuarial returns to the Department of Trade and Industry relating to UK business. In 1996 it admitted it had understated liabilities in these DTI returns by £124.4m -20 per cent of the fund's value.

MARKET REPORT



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Few dealers believe the 1,400p and then for 3,700p at changes to the order driven system, announced by the The RMC escapade oc- Stock Exchange last week, curred as the Footsie steering will eradicate the problem of committee was deciding on a spaghetti fingered traders. replacement for General Ac- Many fear they will actually incident, the insurance group crease the number of rogue

The sharp increase in the in CGU start today, leaving an RMC price lifted the company's capitalisation by £640m to most obvious candidate to £3.6bn. RMC has had an inand-out Footsie career, It last lost the coveted status nearly six years ago.

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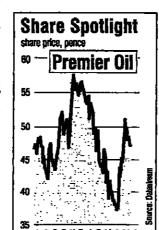
cerned it was a case of the Americans riding to the reschips looked decidedly un- ument and 5p to Premier. easy. Worries about the Far trimmed to a 32.8 fall at 5, of EMI's most impressive 837.9. Supporting shares also gave ground.

Halifax had an active session, closing 29p off at 895p. It seems set to absorb the Birmingham Midshires building society, paying £5m for the privilege to the Royal Bank of Scotland which has given up its exclusivity agreement with Midshires. The market, however, remains on full alert about the possibility of Halifax merging with the Royal Bank which, according to some reports, is suffering from

a succession dilemma. A successful gas discovery

As far as the rest of the Monument 3.75p higher to a relatively subdued period for ing group, rose 22.5p to 170.5p 68.5p; Premier was just 0.5p the showbiz group. harder at 47.5p. Slide rule estimates suggest the find could cue. Until mid-afternoon blue be worth 7.5p a share to Mon-

EMI fell 10p to 508p, pre-East took an early toll but a sumably reflecting the defecfirm New York steadied nerves tion of one of the Spice Girls; and a 93 points decline was the singing group has been one



More, the advertising group. fell 24.5p to 1,108p as BT winch, the house builder, Alex.Brown and Cazenove raided the market for US bidder struction group Kier, un-Clear Channel which appears to have won the battle with French group Decaux. The Americans merits of bidding. now have just under 30 per cent and intend to seek permission brewer and hotelier, frothed today to go above the crucial 30 per cent mark.

The cancer worry about have risen from around 265p fizzy drinks took its toll. Cad- since it became known that bury Schweppes, which has Martin Grant would leave Alwithdrawn sparkling Malvern lied Domecq to take over as water, fell 9.5p to 927p. Vaux's chief executive, ending SmithKline Beecham, the a year long search. Lucozade and Ribena group, lost 8.5p to 655p. It said gained 15p to 688p with SBC sparkling versions of its drinks had gone for analysis.

Storehouse was unchanged at 279p and Kingfisher shaded 12p to 1,073p ahead of Hen- flyers staged a moderate rederson Crosthwaite investment dinners this week.

Two more possible under- 1.25p to 29.25p and West-

TAKING STOCK

as it admitted talks which

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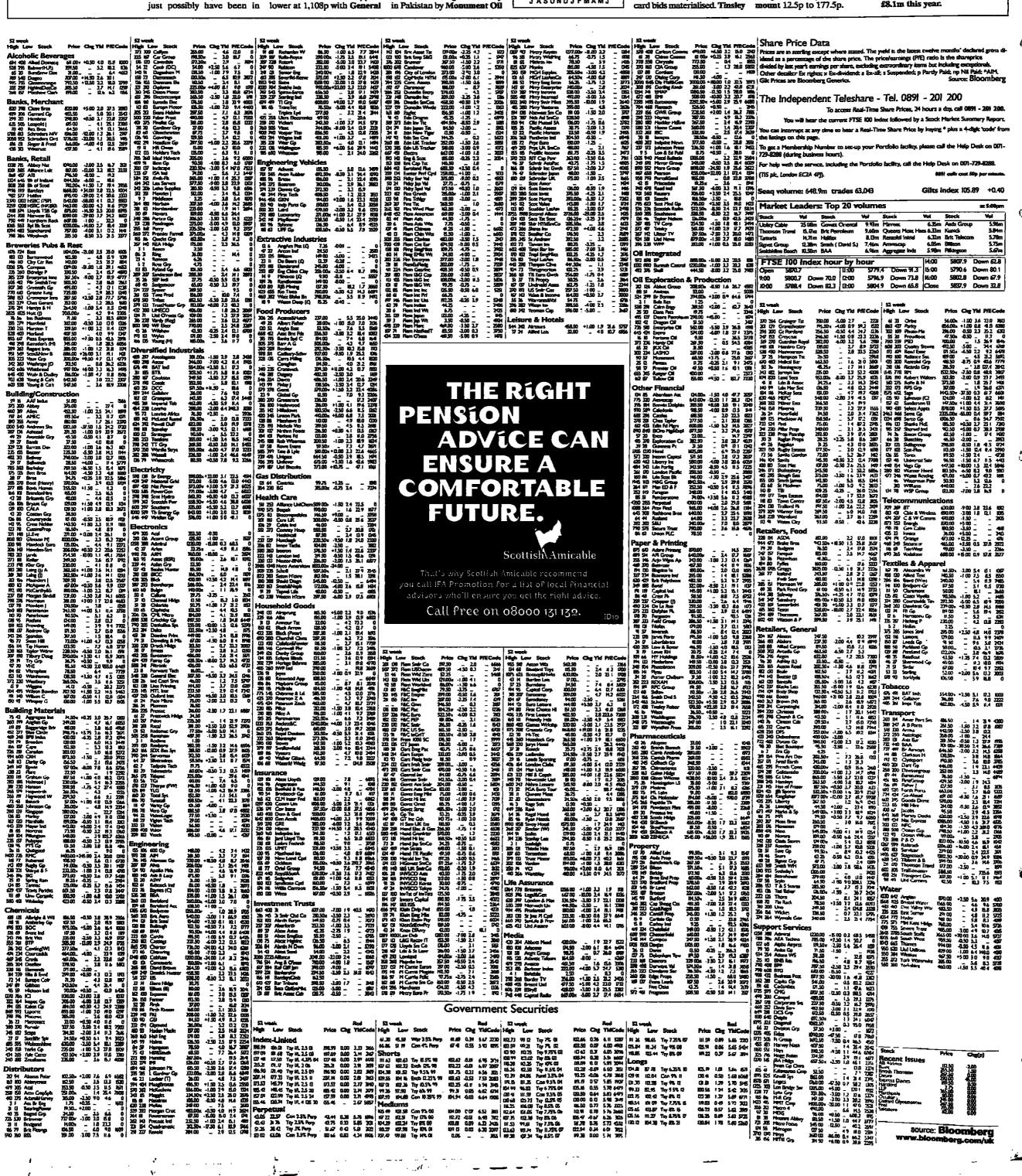
290p; Greenwich Resources

Vaux, the Sunderland

Emerald Energy, the Colombian oil play, added 0.75p to 7.25p as stockbroker Teather & Greenwood said the shares, as speculative investments go, are "matched by few alternatives". But analyst James Glancy, who sees a £2.5m profit in the 12 months ending September next year, stressed Emerald is not for the faint bearted.

Rank, the leisure group, is showing analysts its famous Butlin's holiday centre at Skegness tomorrow. The market is intrigued by suggestions they should dress down for the occasion - suits are out but jeans and T-shirts

Warner Howard, the business support group, fell 6.5p to 183.5p. Ten per cent of its capital changed hands last week with Aberforth Partners and Legal & General increasing their shareholdings. John McCready at stockbroker Marshail forecast profits of £8.1m this year.



source: Bloomberg

Russia's rouble trouble could destroy the whole of the European economy



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HAMISH **MCRAE** ON A NEW O POTENTIAL HAZARD FOR MARKETS TO CONTEND WITH

> SUDDENLY there is a new worry for the markets - Russia Up to now Russia has hardly ever come up on the radar as a potential hazard. We have been right through the revolution, the collapse of the rouble, the dramatic decline in the country's output, and most recently, the modest signs of recovery, with- rope, the whole European out the West paying much at-

The reason is simple: though, if you measure it properly, the Russian economy is still very large, it only interacts with the West at a limited number of

We don't buy much from them; they don't buy much from us. We used not to do much trade because under communism most of the region's economic activity was centrally-directed trade between Rus-European currencies. There is and/or default, even though sia and its satellites in Eastern Europe. Nowadays we don't do no economic need for a devalmuch trade because though is running a small current acthere is great potential, the economic chaos has inhibited its growth.

So why has the world suddenly started to worry? Two reaare, and trouble in Russia puts pressure on these.

Second, Russia is an additional source of potential instability for the West's banks it matters in financial terms more than it matters in economic terms.

The Eastern European economic story is a fascinating one. You probably hadn't realised (I hadn't, until I saw some figures dug out by HSBC Markets) that Eastern Europe is the fastest-growing export market for the UK. Exports to the region are running more than 30 per cent up year-on-year.

Russia itself accounts for only 0.6 per cent of our exports, but "emerging Europe", economist-speak for the former Comecon countries, accounts for 4.2 per cent. That is nearly half as much as Asia excluding Japan. For some other European countries the export dependence is even larger: Germany exports nearly 11 per cent of its output to emerging Europe, Italy nearly 10 per cent, in both cases larger than their exports to Asia - see lefthand graph.

So if the Russian troubles extend to the rest of Eastern Eueconomy is clobbered.

The mechanism which might link the two is a sharp devaluation of the rouble. Over the last you may find it difficult to keep couple of years the rouble has the paper circulating. The dan-

comparison to many other East

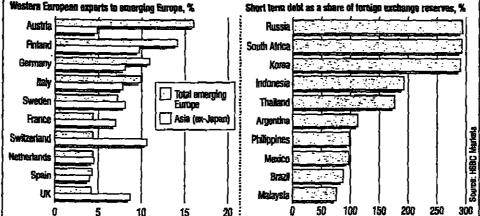
uation: at the moment, Russia

count deficit, but nothing to

worry about. So there is no

competitiveness problem.

Russia and the threat to western Europe Western European exports to exterging Europe, %



provoke a more general economic crisis in Russia itself.

Why is everyone talking, then, about a rouble devaluation? Russia has run into a liquidity crunch. The problem is not so much its total indebtedness, but rather the excessively short-term nature of its debts.

Short-term debt relative to

foreign exchange reserves (right-hand graph) is desperately, ludicrously, high. You do not need to be an economic expert to realise that if you have too many short-term borrowings you are vulnerable to any loss of confidence.

You have to keep rolling over those borrowings to avoid default, and if confidence slips

If Russia's financial problems extend to its former bloc

countries, we and the rest of Europe will be clobbered

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deeply disagreeable for Western

banks, particularly continental

Banks seem to have made

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been quite strong, certainly by ger is that a liquidity crisis

increasing their lending sharply during the last couple of years. Even in a worst possible

case, it is very hard to see default in Russia requiring the formal rescue of any major bank, but the threat is one more point of pressure. Just at the moment when Russia needs to borrow more from the banks to try and lengthen the maturity of its debt, it finds that the main banks who might lend it the money are feeling twitchy about new loans.

Yesterday talks were reported to be taking place in Frankfurt between Deutsche Bank and a Russian government team to see if the banks could mercial buildings, circa 1890, do a biggish syndicated loan of say \$5-6bn.

But it is hard to see that hap-

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Talks on lending to Russia

gradual and often painful reintegration of the Russian economy into the Western European economy continues.

The game here is maintaining the momentum not just of reform but of stitching Eastern Europe into Western Europe. Before the First World War the European economy was a seamless one, with an effective free trade zone from the Atlantic to the Urals.

Of course, the level of development varied from west to east, but money and goods moved without restriction. The physical reminders of that trade remain in the fine comin St Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev. Now, most of Eastern Europe is booming, but the boom has spread unevenly: Poland is whizzing away; the Ukraine is - well, it is back of the queue.

And that, I think, is the underlying explanation for the current concern over Russia. We are less than ten years into the reform process in Eastern Europe. Objectively that reform has turned out pretty well - stunningly well in some regards, witness those export figures. That reform process probably cannot now go wrong whatever happens in Russia.

But it is not completely secure. If only Russia can manage another couple of years of reform - and see the benefits of that spread more widely among its citizens - then all will be well.

Brown to reveal plans for venture capital

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

GORDON BROWN is expected to indicate plans to improve tax incentives for investment in venture capital at a conference he is hosting in London today. The conference, held under the auspices of the European Commission and City of London, will also see the announcement of two new venture capital funds amounting to well over £100m.

The need to increase the scale of finance for start-up businesses, especially in high technology, was one of the themes of March's Budget.

The Chancellor then announced an improved Enterprise Investment Scheme, with greater tax incentives but excluding the least risky investments, and a £50m University Challenge Fund for scientists working in universities to bid for "seed" capital.

Of that fund, £20m was provided by the Government, £20m by the Wellcome Trust

by other private sector sources.

Mr Brown also indicated that he would be exploring ways to improve incentives for managers in high technology start-up companies through "equity based remuneration". Stock option schemes for entrepreneurs have played a large part in fuelling the enormous boom in hi-tech venture capital in the US.

Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, said yesterday that the Government was concerned about both the small size of the UK venture capital industry and its focus on management buyouts rather than financing start-up businesses.

The amount available for new starts in the UK was just over £1bn compared to nearly £38bn in the US last year much smaller relative to the size of the economy on this side of the Atlantic. The £1bn also compares to finance for management buyouts expected to reach as much as £20bn this

In addition, just 10 per cent and Gatsby Trust, and the rest of the start-up finance in the

UK went to high technology companies compared to 70 per cent in the US.

The UK accounts for 44 per cent of the EU venture capital market. But even though Britain is well ahead of the rest of Europe, the Treasury's Growth Unit has concluded that encouraging venture capital is one way to foster a more entrepreneurial culture.

In a recent speech to the CBI, Mr Brown said: "We need a new approach in Britain to risk-taking. We need to increase the number of entrepreneurs and to raise the survival rate of small businesses"

Other speakers at today's conference include France's finance minister, Dominque Strauss-Kahn, European Commissioner Mario Monti and Sir Brian Unwin, president of the European Investment Bank.

The funds due to be unveiled today will include some investment by the EIB although private finance will play the dominant role.

Hillsdown counters rumours after £1.6bn bid talks collapse

HILLSDOWN Holdings, the foods-to-housebuilding group, yesterday sought to counter speculation that its business performance was poor by announcing that operating profits for the first four months of the year were "broadly in line with those for the similar period in 1997".

Hilisdown's statement followed Friday's surprise decision by Unigate, the UK's second largest dairy producer, to pull out of £1.6bn takeover talks with Hillsdown because of "differences" over Hillsdown's future prospects.

Hillsdown, the maker of Chivers jam and Typhoo tea. announced earlier this month that it will sell or spin off onethird of its businesses to lift slowing profit growth. The group said that its internal forecasts for 1998 show profits consistent with market expectations. It said it made the comments "as a result of certain comments in the press and to counter speculation".

The speculation was that Unigate had decided to withdraw because it could not support Hillsdown's view of their own prospects after being shown certain information about trading at Hillsdown.

The company's poultry division was hit by the strength of the pound which cut export revenue, although performance will likely improve in the second half, it said. The furniture and housebuilding divisions. which the company plans to

shed, are performing strongly,

The first four months of the year account for about 15 to 20 per cent of profit, Hillsdown said. "Current internal forecasts" show pre-tax profit for the year ending 31 December to be "consistent with market expectations," Hillsdown said.

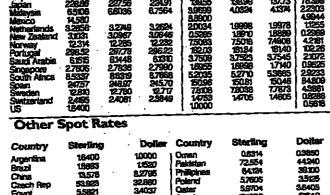
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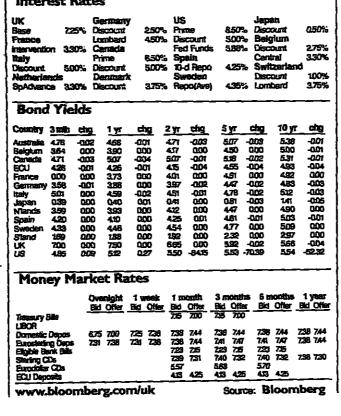
reversed its downgrade published on Friday following the termination of talks between Unigate and Hillsdown. The investment bank said it

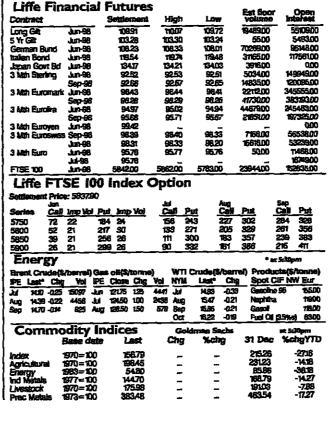
expected Unigate stock to recover some of the 10 per cent it has lost since speculation of a bid for Hillsdown emerged.

Hillsdown shares closed down 2.5p at 180.5p. Unigate shares fell 0.5p to 664.5p.

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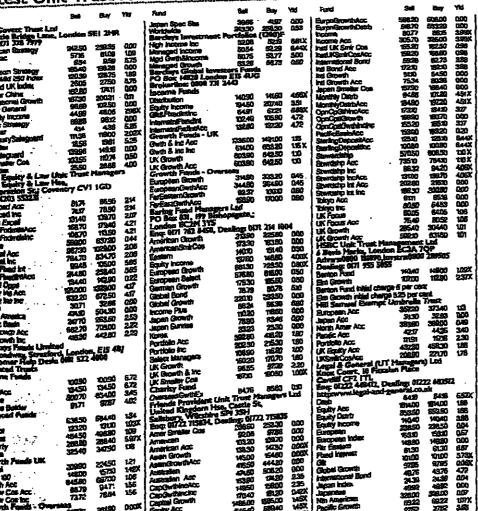






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Victory sweet for Ramprakash

Cricket

By David Liewellyn at Lord's

Glamorgan 308 & 260 Middlesex 256 and 314-1 Middlesex win by nine wickets

CHAMPIONS Glamorgan may be, but not for much longer on this showing. As title defences go theirs is beginning to look a little flabby. By the premature end of what everyone had expected would be a close finish. they were not just being whipped, but positively flogged into abject submission as Middlesex made the highest score of the match for a deserved and ultimately straightforward win.

The last time Middlesex had scored more than 300 in the fourth innings for victory in the championship was four years ago against Surrey at The Oval. And it is no mean feat. The last time Glamorgan had beaten Middlesex in a championship match at Lord's, for heaven's sake, was back in 1954.

But yesterday Justin Langer and Middlesex captain Mark Ramprakash made it all look so elementary. Admittedly they had huge slices of luck as Glamorgan's concentration lapsed at critical moments during the day, but that did not detract from the quality of this gifted pair's performance, which provided the sparse crowd with some wonderful strokeplay.

For Ramprakash the performance was a double delight. The ease of the victory more than vindicated his decision to insert Glamorgan on winning

Runs had had to be coaxed from the pitch on the previous three days so the prospect of meeting any target on the final reached three figures for the

nected to turn seemed remote: in fact there was a veritable flood tide as Ramprakash and his Australian partner put on an unbroken 276 for the second wicket - a record for the county against Glamorgan.

The second reason for some private celebrating by the England batsman came when he day of a wicket that was ex- third time in four champi-

onship innings, after three hours with 18 boundaries. Of all his 43 first-class hundreds this score because it completed for Ramprakash the coveted set of scoring a 100 against the other 17 first-class counties. Mike Gatting, his predecessor as captain, managed the feat when he

the New Zealander, Dion Nash. Langer's five-hour unbeaten tal number of runs in nine innings to 765 at an average of to slide home safely. scored his 90th first-class 100 127.5. It need not have been so

Middlesex captain Mark Ramprakash on his way to an unbeaten 128 in his side's nine-wicket victory over Glamorgan at Lord's Photograph: Peter Jay

As for the brilliant Langer, er, Adrian Shaw, had not been on 44 Michael Powell started he is yet another in a long suc- wrong-footed by an inside edge cess story of overseas players at when Langer had made eight, 128 not out was a landmark Lord's — with the exception of or again when he had scored 41. The gods were not smiling upon Shaw that time either, for it was 153 - his third century in con- his slow, lobbed throw, when the secutive matches - took his to- Middlesex pair went for a quick single, which gave Langer time

Ramprakash too survived a if the Glamorgan wicketkeep- couple of chances; once when

forward too late for a miss-hit shot to cover and the ball dropped just short of the frustrated fielder, and when he had reached 78 there was another run-out opportunity but the ball bounced awkwardly and Robert Croft could only fumble it. It was just not Glamorgan's day. But it certainly was

Gebreselassie cracks cracks record for 10,000m

Athletics

ETHIOPIA'S Haile Gebreselassie beat the men's 10,000 metre world record by five seconds yesterday, finishing in 26 minutes 22.77 seconds at the Adriaan Paulen Memorial track in the Dutch town of Hengelo.

He shattered the ninemonth old mark of 26:27.85 set by the Kenyan, Paul Tergat, in Brussels on 27 August last year. Gebreselassie ran the last

nine laps of the track with only lapped runners for company after the last of the five Ethionian pacemakers he had brought along dropped out.

Gebreselassie clocked a halfway split time of 13:11.53 over the first five kilometres. He made the most of a sunny and almost windless early evening. and encouragement from his lapped compatriot Habte Jifar, who chased him round the final circuit.

Earlier in the meeting, African male athletes scored three season-best times over middle distances. The Kenyan Wilson Boit Kipketer set a 3,000 metres time of 7:36.05, beating the Moroccan Brahim Lahlafi in a close finish. There was also a Kenyan 1-2-3 in the 3,000 metres steeplechase as Bernard Barmasai came home in 8:11.57, ahead of Julius Chelule and Patrick Sang.

Golf

in Hamburg

By John Oaldey

LEE WESTWOOD shot a su-

perb final round of 66, includ-

to hold off the challenge of his

Open in Hamburg vesterday.

Westwood, who won with a

23-under-par total of 265, had

a 61 in the third round and said:

"I have never shot this low over

Mark Croghan. Then it was the turn of the Moroccan, Hisham El Guerronj to lead the world this year in the 1,500 metres, winning in 3:31.19, some way ahead of the Frenchman Nadir Bosch and Julius Achon of Uganda.

At the Prefontaine Classic Grand Prix in Eugene, Oregon, on Sunday, despite gusting winds stealing some of their thunder, the American world champion sprinters Maurice Greene and Marion Jones still provided plenty of lightning.

Greene won the 100 metres in 9.79 seconds - one of the fastest times in history - but the trailing wind of 2.9m per second was well over the allowable limit of 2.0 for the time to be official. Greene's training partner. Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, was second in 9.89.

Greene later came back and defeated the world record-holder, Michael Johnson, in the 200m, clocking a wind-aided 19.88 seconds. This time the wind was recorded at 2.1m per second. If not for the wind, Greene said, Donovan Bailey's 100m world record of 9.84 seconds would have fallen.

Jones, who became America's latest sprint queen with her 100m victory at the world championships in Athens last year. clocked a wind-aided 10.78 to take the 100 here. She returned to claim the long jump gold with Barmassi's time sliced 8.29 a soaring 7.31m, a wind-legal seconds off the previous best mark that is the best in the time this season of America's world this year.

17th so needed a two at the last

to tie, but he hit the green to the

right of the pin with his second

shot and though he knew he

could no longer win the big

Irishman holed a 25-foot putt

there just before him. We are

great mates and Darren was the

first to shake my hand," said a

and Hedges tournament only

"Clarkie made my heart

Lara fined £2,000 for his late arrival

By Myles Hodgson

BRIAN LARA, the Warwickshire captain, was yesterday fined £2,000 by his county's disciplinary committee for turning up late and missing Sunday's season for Warwickshire. AXA League defeat by Somerset at Taunton.

The West Indian Test captain early last week on business but circumstances," said Amiss, layed, and after being diverted to Gatwick Airport he finally arrived at the ground 20 minutes before the start of the match.

However, with Warwickshire unaware that their captain's ar-

unable to name him in their side. Lara was summoned to appear before a disciplinary hearing at Edghaston yesterday,

Cricket scoreboard

Britannic Assurance **County Championship** Final day of four Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S: Middlesex (22pts) beat Glamorgan (7) by nine wickets. Middlesex won toss GLAMORGAN - First Innings 308 (P A Cottey 81, S P James 79; J P Hewitt 5-

MIDDLESEX - First Innings 256 (D C Nash 76; S L Watkin 5-30). GLAMORGAN - Second Innings 260 (M J Powell 79no, A D Shaw 51).

Total (for 1, 88.2 overs).... Fall: 1-38.

Bowling: Watidn 18-5-49-1; Thomas 16-3-69-0; Croft 28-7-65-0; Cosker 16-1-73-0; Dals 12-3-36-0; Powell 0.2-0-8-0. Umpires: V A Holder and G I Burgess. Worcestershire v Sussex

WORCESTER: Worcestershire (11pts) drew with Sussex (9). WORCESTERSHIRE - First Innings 353 for 9 dec (G A Hick 104; J D Lewry 4-104). SUSSEX - First innings 278 (M G Bevan 96; S R Lampitt 5-56).

comprising the chief executive, Dennis Amiss, and the chairman, Mike Smith, and was ordered to pay a £2,000 fine, a small proportion of the estimated £60,000 he will earn this

from Brian about the problems he experienced and we acflew back home to Trinidad cept there were some mitigating his return on Saturday was de- who also revealed that Lara had team and members.

It is the second time this season that Lara has been delayed in the West Indies after missing his flight at the start of the sumrival was imminent, they were mer which put his appearance at a news conference in doubt, but resolved when Phil Simmons gave up his seat to allow his Test captain to return in time.

Final day of four

South Africa won toss

Total (for 0, 55 overs) ______123 Did not bet: C J Adams, "M G Bevan, J R Carpenter, K Newell, 15 Humphries, A A Khan, R J Kirtley, J D Lewry, M A Robin-

Vodafone Challenge Series

Gloucestershire v South Africa

BRISTOL: South Africa won by 167 runs.

SOUTH AFRICA - First Innings 416 for 8 dec (G Kirsten 125, L Klusener 73 nq. J N Rhodes 59; M W Alleyne 4-83).
GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First Innings

403 for 9 dec (M. W. Alleyne 109, M. G. N. Windows 68, R. C. J. Williams 67, G. J. Macmillan 52).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE - Se

"We have had a full account

S Africa 416-8 dec and 288-4 dec

South Africa win by 167 runs SOUTH AFRICA'S secondthe disappointment of their first-innings display to claim an

Gloucestershire 403-9 dec and 134

tershire at Bristol yesterday. Fighting for places in this at Edgbaston, the tourists' backup bowlers failed to impress by allowing Gloucestershire to re- an equally-threatening burst cover from 122 for 2 to declare after an ineffective first-innings 13 runs adrift on 403 for 9.

However, the South Africans' inability to wrap up Gloucestershire's innings was quickly shrugged off, after their coun-

Fell: 1-24 2-28 3-50 4-50 5-57 6-72 7-72 8-84 9-86

Bowling: Kusener 7-1-23-2; Heyward 11-2-34-3; Nišni 8-3-43-3; Kellis 1-0-4-0; McMil-lan 3.5-1-14-1; Adams 1-0-12-0.

plines: K.J. Lyons and N.T. Plaws.

Oxford University v Yorkshire

THE PARKS: Match drawn.
Oxford University won loss
OXFORD UNIVERSITY - First lumings 260
for 7 dec (D J Eadle 68 no, J A M Molins

YORKSHIRE -- First knnings 203 for 4 dec (C White 80, M P Vaughan 69).

COMPORD UNIVERSITY — Second Innings (Saturday: 97 for 5) C G R Lightfoct low b Hoggard — 37 D J Eade c Vaughan b Stemp — 38 "J A G Futton c and b Vaughan — 78 †J P B Barries not out — 38 Extras (b5 nb10) — 15 Total (for 8 dec, 91.1 overs) — 233

Fall (cont): 6-111 7-115 8-233. Did not bat: D P Mather, S H Khan.

Other first-class match

Final day of three

having been set a victory target of 302 off a minimum of 66 overs on a good batting wicket.

Tourists' youngsters thrive

The young fast bowling pair Makhaya Ntini and Mornantau Hayward, claimed three wickets apiece to lift the tourists' string attack bounced back from spirits ahead of the Test. Hayward grabbed 3 for 34 in a hostile 11-over spell, claimed a emphatic victory over Glouces- vital catch and played a significant part in running out Mar- pace attack. tyn Ball while Ntini, the first player from the township development programme to rep-

resent South Africa, produced performance.

Lance Klusener, favourite to claim one of the bowling spots at Edgbaston, began the collapse by dismissing Gregor ty opponents were dismissed for Macmillan, caught in the deep

YORKSHIRE - Second Innings

R D Stemp not out 26 Extress (Ib1 w2 nb6) 11 Total (Ib7 7, 52.4 overs) 209 Fett: 1-17 2-37 3-37 4-102 5-158 6-158 7-173.

Did not bat: R J Sidebottom, M J Hoggard. Bowling: Mather 17-1-76-2; Eadle B-0-45-2; Khan 94-1-38-0; Byrne 14-4-35-2; Lightboot

Umpires: N G Cowley and R A White.

Championship table
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a lowly 134 in just 31.5 overs by Hayward, before trapping out while chancing a two against Dominic Hewson leg before three balls later.

But it was Hayward's introduction which confirmed South Africa's inevitable victory with five wickets falling in as many overs, beginning with the crucial dismissal of opener Tim Hancock, the only Gloucestershire batsman who had looked capable of withstanding the

Hancock had battled 59 rutes for his 35, hitting six boundaries before edging Hayward - the only member of the tour party yet to play international cricket - to Darryl Cullinan at slip, and Ntini induced captain Mark Alleyne to chop onto his stumps next over.

Rob Cunliffe also had his stumps broken in Hayward's next over, and Ball followed, run just two-and-a-half hours.

the fielding of Jonty Rhodes and Paul Adams.

Reggie Williams was the next to fall, gifting Liebenberg a simple catch, while Matt Windows was caught behind off a hostile Ntini delivery. Ntini completed his three-wicket haul by having James Averis caught behind without scoring to leave Gloucestershire struggling to reach three figures.

But an unlikely last-wicket broken the course record with cheerful Westwood. nd of 48 between Mike Smith and Jon Lewis rescued them from complete humiliation. Lewis was last man out hav-

ing hit 23 off 41 deliveries, caught by Gary Kirsten at midon off Brian McMillan, while Smith remained unbeaten on 31 off just 17 deliveries as Gloucesat the 14th, 15th and 16th. tershire's innings subsided in

set Sussex a daunting chal-

birdie," Westwood said.

He did just that, hitting a drive and a five iron to the 450-yard 18th and holed out from 18 feet to take the mammoth first prize

gressive and go all out for a er in the Order of Merit."

the last two rounds before." two weeks ago, was sporting in Despite his brilliance he his praise of Westwood came to the last hole thinking he "I tried to make it tough for needed a birdie three to win the title because Clarke had closed

Couples makes progress on

the course that lack built

Westwood fights

ing a vital birdie at the last hole, to finish just one stroke behind.

close friend. Darren Clarke, jump when he holed that long

and win the Deutsche Bank one but luckily I made birdie

off friendly rival

Lee and I made a good start, but a couple of bogeys at the sixth to within one shot after birdies and eighth cost me my momentum. Lee did fantastic to make "I thought Darren would three under the cosh because he knew I was coming after him. birdie the par-five 17th as well and as I didn't know what he It's nice to have this rivalry and had done there I had to be ag- I hope we can chase each oth-

Clarke has now gone from seventh to fourth in the Order. while Westwood has jumped from 18th to sixth. Both are ahead of Colin Montgomerie,

prospect of forcing a win faded during an unsuccessful who finished here 10th on 273, morning for six bowlers. Sussex's first task was to

early season form to win the Augusta, I would say this is it for PGA Memorial in Dublin, Ohio

by four strokes on Sunday. Couples recorded a 72-hole total of 17-under par for the 14th win of his career, which was also his second of the year, following his success in the Bob

Hope Classic in January. Couples said he was honoured to have won on the Muirfield Village course designed by Jack Nicklaus, and added: "For including six fours in 179 balls. | course, Jack's tournament, it

FRED COUPLES regained his means a lot. Next-to winning

Andrew Magee finished sec-

Blue Melody one

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ond at 13-under, one stroke better than David Duval. Jim Furyk finished fourth at 11-under, while Brandel Chamblee and the reigning PGA Championship winner Davis Love were another shot back. Ernie Els of South Africa, Tim Herron, Mark Calcavecchia and Ted Tryba all finished at 279, with Nick Faldo me to come back and win Jack's on 284, and Tiger Woods four shots further back.

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Cautious Sussex play it safe They enabled Tom Moody to

A THUNDERSTORM ended Sussex's pursuit of a long shot victory yesterday against Worcestershire at New Road.

A day removed from the home team's celebrations over Graeme Hick's entry into the 100 Hundreds Club, the Sussex openers, Toby Peirce and Wasim Khan, reached half centuries in an unbroken partnership of 123. But they were still 296 short of their 419 target when the weather broke at lunch.

Surface water caused a long

remembered only for Hick's achievement and a maiden Championship century by the talented Worcestershire opener, Vikram Solanki.

lenge, but the Australian's play for safety and this purpose was admirably served when Peirce and Khan took 30 overs to complete a 50 stand. The attrition only increased the anticlimax following Hick's exploits. The two left-handers could be excused as they seek to es-

delay and at 4pm the match was abandoned as a draw - a result which maintained Worcestershire's unbeaten Championship record but cost Sussex a chance of tracking Surrey at the top. Ultimately, the game will be

tablish a regular opening partnership in a new look set-up under the captaincy of Chris Peirce, who recently made 96 against Nottinghamshire, reached 51 from 156 balls while Khan, who left Warwickshire in search of first-team cricket, built on his century in the last match against Derbyshire a 53,



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delights

THE NETHERLANDS added

the world title to their Olympic

title in the FC Utrecht stadium

yesterday when they beat Spain

Five minutes later two goals inside a minute from Dutch captain Stephan Veen and Bram Lomans brought the hosts level and forced extra-The winner came from their

second penalty corner in extra time. Lomans' shot being saved by Jufresa who could do nothing to prevent the follow-up winner from de Nooijer.

Germany, with a goal from Bjorn Michel in the 26th minute, took the bronze medal, winning 1-0 against Australia.

England ended their programme losing 4-2 to Pakistan to finish in sixth position. Disaster for England came in the ninth minute when Muhammad Usman pushed the ball past David Luckes for the opening goal. Two minutes later he collected his second before Atif Bashir scored the first of his two in the 13th minute and added his second two minutes from the interval.

A re-motivated England came out after the interval. driving forward with purpose and going on to score twice. through Russell Garcia and Calum Giles at two of their three penalty corner awards. ENGLAND (v Pakistan): D Luckes (East Grassad); B Garrard (Teddington). J Wyst (Reading). J Halls (HDM). A Humphrey (Cannock): R Garcia (east) (HDM). J Pidcock (Cannock). J Wallis (Teddington); B Sharpe (Carnock). J Lee (Old Lougiton-ars). M Parar (Reading) Substitutes used: C Giles (Southgate). D Woods (Southgate). N Tevenson (Feb. constraints).

Wallabies hold

Rugby Union

MATT PERRY believes England's Test match rookies have

placements, making Australia firm favourites for the Cook Сир. But Perry, who has graduated from England Under-21 level against the Wallabies last summer to accomplished senior international status, says any inhibitions must be thrown aside. "It's all about having total confidence in your ability and not being afraid to express yourself." he claimed. "The best place to

we don't hide in our shells and effectively let Australia do what The 21-year-old Bath player moves from full-back into midfield on Saturday, accommodating goal kicker Kim Stimpson. "Full-back is my preferred posi-

The Australian camp insisted that captain John Eales is "99 per cent certain" to play against England. Eales suffered a wrist injury in training last week then developed tendinitis, but the Wallabies' manager, John McKay, said X-rays and blood tests had shown no major problem. He added that New South Wales lock John Welborn had been called up

Ord Punters hover as Derby takes shape

By Greg Wood

AT EPSOM racecourse yesterday morning, someone employed at the better-heeled end of the newspaper market was discussing the merits of travelling to the Derby by helicopter. "It used to be £170 a head," he said, "but it was definitely worth it to beat the traffic jams. You could sit there for hours and not

move. Of course, that was then," The point which concerns those who run Epsom is that in this context, "then" means little more than 10 years ago. When Dancing Brave ran into traffic problems of his own back in 1986 the only spare turf anywhere was the mile and a half which he had just covered. newly instituted supplementary Since then, the cooling of public affection for the Derby has been both sudden and unexpected. The gypsies have already drawn up their caravans on the Downs, but they must wonder if their funfair will find any customers.

Across the road at the racecourse, though, the 219th Derby is anticipated with cautious confidence, rather the the mixture of false optimism and thinly disguised dread which had become all too familiar. Several enclosures are sold out already, and the attendance on Saturday seems sure to show a significant increase on last year, if only because Heart FM, a London radio station, has chosen the infield to bost its annual listeners' picnic.

The irony of this will not be lost on the organisers, as they try to restore the Derby to a position at the heart of the Flat racing season. They must realise, foot that if the great Classic is to

HYPERION

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Crest 4.00 Ron's Round 4.30 Summer Deal 5.00

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

©Left-hand, U-shaped course, undulating and sharp.

©Course is E of town. Follow signposts from town centre. Brighton station in [fast service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION: Club 212 (accompanied under-16s free); Tatlensalls 28 (accompanied under-16s free); Total Car (plus 24 per occupant).

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surely be the year for it to begin.

It was supposed to start three years ago, of course, when the traditional date on the first Wednesday in June was moved to the following Saturday. There, the Derby found itself in competition with events like Euro 96 and the Ashes Test series, but now, for the first time, the Derby has the weekend's sporting field all to itself.

Above all, though, the race has a talking point which no amount of money can buy. For the first time since long before even Lester Piggott was riding, the winners of both the 2,000 Guineas and 1,000 Guineas are expected to do battle at Epsom. Godolphin, the owners of Cape day declaration stage, with Verdi, took advantage of the entry stage to add their filly to the field, a gesture of rare sporting endeavour which deserves to

capture the public imagination. The uncertainty over Two of the entries, Sunshine whether Cape Verdi would join Street and Pegnitz, fall into the the colts on Saturday may have

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DERBY STAKES (Group 1) (CLASS A) £500,000 added 3YO

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and composition of Aidan of a place in racing history. O'Brien's team will not be determined until his three entries. King Of Kings, Second Empire and Saratoga Springs, have galloped at Ballydoyle this morning. As soon as the final field has started to crystallise, however, the sluice will be raised on a months'-worth of suppressed

urges to punt. A total of 16 names remained after yesterday's five-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Quiz Show (Pontefract 5.15) NB: Guesstimation (Brighton 4.00)

Croco Rouge, the French Derby runner-up, the most notable one missing, if only because the murmurs after Sunday's race at Chantilly indicated that he might still cross the Channel.

Two of the entries, Sunshine game-but-hopeless category, to done little for the ante-post bet- leave 14 who could go to post

..... O Pessier 20-1 20-1 20-1 20-1 16-1

stage a recovery, 1998 must ting market, and the exact size with at least an outside chance

The precise size of the field on Saturday is still anyone's guess, yet despite the fact that Second Empire can still be backed "with a run", the bookmakers are unanimous that he will not only start this weekend, but start favourite too, with Mick Kinane holding the reins. This is not simply because they fear O'Brien - although they do - but also because there are no significant ante-post liabilities about Cape Verdi.

Quite the opposite, in fact, since many thousands of pounds had already been staked on the filly winning the Oaks, with the result that any last minute plunges on Friday's Classic, like the money which saw Cloud Castle backed from 10-1 to 5-1 with Ladbrokes yesterday, can be absorbed with a

It is the Derby, though, which now demands and deserves all the attention. Sadian, Henry Cecil's runner, is said to have worked well yesterday, while Barry Hills, who runs the 25-1 chance The Glow-Worm, said vesterday that the colt is as good as either Blue Stag or Glacial Storm, both of whom finished second at Epsom. At a pre-Derby lunch, Classic veterans including Dick Hern and Geoff Lewis tipped Greek Dance, and there was a word too for Gulland if, as seems possible, some rain arrives before the weekend.

In short, no one has the faintest idea what will win on Saturday, which is just as it should be. If those who have stayed at home for the last decade agree, then a helicopter may once again be the only way to travel.



Second Empire has a crucial gallop at Ballydoyle this morning

Futures market Teenage test

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JAMIE SPENCER, the 17year-old Irish apprentice who partnered Tarascon to victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, will get his first taste of Epsom in the Oaks on Friday. "It was a great win for Jamie." Tommy Stack, the filly's trainer, said vesterday. It's asking a lot of him to do the same in a race like the Oaks

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but he is well capable."

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DAVID LODER unveiled a smart juvenile when Blue lated to some other high-class Melody called the tune on her debut at Leicester yesterday. The filly produced a fine turn of foot to lead inside the final furlong of the Wolvey Maiden Stakes and Royal Ascot is now

on the agenda. After Frankie Dettori had brought the 7-4 favourite home three-quarters of a length ahead of Morning Music, with Henry Cecil's first juvenile runner of the year, Wince, a further four lengths away in third. Loder said: That was good and the Queen Mary Stakes is now a distinct possibility."

Blue Melody one to note Blue Melody is closely reperformers including Blue Duster and carries the colours

of Sheikh Mohammed. Loder added: "I was in two minds about running her today as I wasn't quite sure she was ready, but Frankie was much more confident than me and he was right. She did it well and we are also thinking about the Covenity Stakes at Royal Ascot for Agreeable who won at Newmarket on Saturday."

Loder has now won with two of the three youngsters he has run this term from his team of Handicap and beat that rival by 80 juveniles.

Wince showed plenty of speed and will no doubt go on with this experience under her belt but the rest of the afternoon belonged to her jockey, Kieran Fallon, who netted a 37-1 treble. Fallon got punters off to a good start by taking the opening two races aboard the favourites High Premium in the claiming stakes and Kheyrah in the fillies' stakes.

Fallon completed the treble when bringing Murchan Tyne through to head the favourite, Phantom Waters, in the last two furlongs of the John Ferneley a length and three-quarters.

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● The John Dunlop-trained Leggera came off clear second best in Mulheim yesterday as Elle Danzig gained her second Classic success in the 11furlong German Oaks.

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n for her new yard with a vengeance at Thirtik (2m. UNCHANGED rediscovered her to erther back in fourth after holding every chance 2f out. Unchanged has be for the wan and meats the numer-up 6th worse, but is capable of wanning again from this mark on her best form. Last year's winner Nigel's Lad was eased down after feading 21 mark on her best form. Last year's winner linger's Last was eased down after extending or out to beat Astro Line 3, length at Ripton (2m, good) but has a 5to penalty in this higher grade. See Freedom is back close to the mark from which he won last year's Ascot Stakes and looked to be coming to hand when a 21, length 6th to Premer Night at Kempton (2m, good). This extra 2t will suit. Dank Green disappointed when fading to be 6 lengths 7th of 13 to Largesse at York (7m 41, good) following a promising 3-length comeback 4th to Arctic Owl at Newmarket (7m 41, good). Rushen Raider could not quicken when 41 , length 4th to The Butterwick Kird at Redcar (1m 61, good). Selection: UNCHANGED

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2.45 E.F. THORNE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2YO fillies 6f Penalty Value £3,916 AURIT FLO (Standard Budge Penneship) Med 8 11	8 05523 O' HIGGINS (227) (T) Messig T Hamilton of the Committee of the Co

SCINIT OF SUCCESS could be the answer to a tricky heat with the return of the visor in which she firshed 4% length fourth to Smart Squall in a hot Ascot nursery (7t, heavy) in October. She had little chance from a bad draw behind from Dougel at Newmarkst (fm. good) last time tollowing a craditable 9-length 8th to Jila over the same course (7t, good to soft; Flow By improved for the extra distance when leading 3f out to beat Parletted 1% lengths at Baverley (fm 2t) and could progress again. Moving Princess also stepped up on previous form when trying a mile for the first time at Thrusk (good), where she came from well back to be third, beaten 1% lengths by Miss Salsa Dancer. She is only 3th higher here. Lucky Double stayed on steadily when 2 lengths 4th of 16 to Circulted over 1m here (good to firm), but has shown he stays his trip. Mashald sided rapidly from 3f out when 10th of 1t, beaten 18 lengths, to High And Mighty at Chester (1m 4t, good to firm). Thojan Wolf stayed on well after being impeded 2f out when 4th of 10 to Morationium at Pipon. Set Trait railed to best Chocolaids a short-head at Ayr (7t, soft) in October and looks to here planty to do at the weights. Julkes Jewel lost his place 3t out when 14th of 19 to Ho Lang at York (7t, good). Selection: SCENT OF SUCCESS FORM GUIDE

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TORSO could benefit considerably from the step tup in trip after his strong-finishing 4'langths 6th to Circusteer here (in, good), where he was badly impeded when challenging. High And Mighty, an impressive winner at Chester, was outpaced from 11 out when
besten 2'- langths by Dencing Rio at Ripon (in 41, good to firm) and could be the danger in a strongly-run reca. Melestic Hills, making his handicap debut here, was placed
in decent company at Salisbury last term and will step up on his 11th of 18, besten 16
lengths, to Royal Anthem at Newbury (in 21, good to firm). Reiting led 21 out to best
Mannequin 2 lengths at Thirsk (im 41) and looks on the upgrade, while Patals kept on
at one pace when 12 lengths sixth of 17 to Forest Ending In a good quality malden at
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Beverley (in 21) end should benefit from the longer trip. Pat at good quality and seems to
to 2f out when 9 lengths lifth of 13 to Masannadas at Windsox (in 3'4) and seems to
have a tougher task here.

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SETTING: 5-2 Dodo, 3-1 Quiz Show, 4-1 King of Honey, 8-1 Love in Welcome, Adobe, 12-1 Above Board, Clohemon, 16-1 others 1997: Elradim 3 9 0 R HRs 1-2 lav (J Dunkop) drawn (2) 9 ran

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GUIZ SHOW, caught close home and beaten a length by Asset Manager after leading
SI cut at Sandown (71 good), should not find the drop back in trip a problem - she was
previously a good fourth (beaten five lengths) to Ruzen over 8f at Windsor. She has a
poor draw to overcome but appears sharper than the consistent Dotto, who stayed on
at one pace after looking a big threat to Baraysim 11 out at Goodwood (71, good to firm).
Above Board has switched from Barry Hills to Jack Hanson since her strong-finishing
7-length time of 10 to The Limping Cat at Nottingham (5), good to firm) an months ago
and is open to improvement. Adobe facied from 27 out when 18 lengths 11th of 9 to Nuclear Debate at Thirsk (8), good) and has plenty to find. Clohaman showed some improvement when staying on, beaten 4's lengths, 4th of 10 to Di in lower grade at Donasater
6th good), while Dillege Singht found kitte in the last furiong when 8 lengths 4th of 10 to
Tattinger in a poor maiden at Redoer (6), good). King Of Honety, a brother to the winring spiriture Karakorum, looks the Goeden second string on 15 debut. Love is Wiscome is related to winners in the States.

3-2 with a golden goal coming in the 83rd minute from Teun de Nooijer. In an electric atmosphere before a capacity, partisan crowd Spain took the lead in the 18th minute through Xavier Arnauand and went further ahead through Victor Puiol 20 minutes into the second half.

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By Andrew Baldock in Brisbane

nothing to be afraid of when they meet Australia on Saturday. Coach Clive Woodward has picked four newcomers in his starting line-up with six more uncapped players among the re-

show what you can do is out on the pitch, so it is important that they want."

tion, yet rugby union these days is about interactive back play, so centre is not a problem," he said.

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England's talisman out of condition and out in the cold

he is not afraid to make the big decision World Cup has to count as the biggest decision of all. Whether you agree, or disagree, you can only salute the manager's boldness in making it.

There was no hint that he was not going to be among the final 22 and that added to the sense of shock as the news filtered through. I was at home when a friend who works in radio telephoned. We were all anticipating the announcement of the squad. the last few months Glenn has intimated that Gascoigne was an integral part of his team, certainly of his squad, and we all assumed he would be going to France.

I have seen all three England games over

ONE THING you can say about Glenn the past 10 days and I have to say that he Hoddle's period as England coach is that did look short of full fitness. This meant he was unable to do the things that make and leaving Paul Gascoigne out of the him the player he is. Gazza is a sublime talent and we all wish we were gifted with the assets he can call upon, but if you are less than fully fit, then not even an individual with Paul's ability can go past people or initiate those defence-splitting passes.

As you get older fitness becomes paramount. Gascoigne turned 31 last week and while age should never be a barrier in football (Italy have included Bergomi at 37 and Belgium have recalled Van der Elst at the who was in and who was out, and this was same age), it becomes more and more imnot what we were expecting to hear. Over perative to make sure you do the right things to enhance your physical condition.

Train hard, rest a great deal, eat and drink the right things. That is the regime to follow and a player has to take responsibility for his own fitness. It cannot be denied that ing heat with only a few days in between disappoint and I feel for them all. They have Paul Scholes can become the creative impetus

Sometimes talent is not enough. Ray Wilkins, former England captain, on the lessons of Gascoigne's demise

Gazza has come back from terrible injuries games and that was why Glenn was so conand while a couple of nights out with the lads won't kill anyone, you have to look after your body. The vast majority of today's heart-searching and he will have studied players, both in the Premiership and in the Gazza closely over the last week in Spain. lower leagues, are well aware of that.

senal are veering the same way: bringing players into the club who are good technical players, but who are also capable of getting around the pitch and sustaining a high physical output for 90 minutes.

cerned about Gascoigne. It would not have been a decision to take without a lot of England's first group game is still two weeks It was interesting that Glenn used the away, but he was not convinced he could term "athletes" when referring to the Ger- gain full fitness in time. It also wouldn't be man and Brazilian teams. If you look at the an option to use him in short spells here domestic same. Manchester United and Aror there as a substitute. You take a player

90 minutes - not nine. It's a great shame both for the country and the player, but Glenn's decision was not just about Gascoigne alone. There were This World Cup will be played in sear- five other players the coach was forced to

A glimpse of their gifts: Six talents who failed to fulfil their potential at international level

Dublin his hopes must have been high after such a splendid season for Coventry.

Once he had assured himself of Darren Anderton's ability to cope with the demands of the tournament, Glenn's decision to plan ahead without Gascoigne would have become easier. Anderton has done well to recover his fitness after a long period on the sidelines and as a younger man he can sustain his energies over a tournament so much better. We also know from Euro '96 that the Tottenham player is capable of shrugging off more or less a full season's inactivity and to the World Cup for what he can do over quickly find form and conditioning again.

Obviously, England will miss the qualities that a fit Gascoigne would bring to any side, but all is not lost and I certainly don't agree with those who say we will be a lot less effective without him. David Beckham and

let nobody down and in the case of Dion for the side, not to the same extent that Gascoigne can achieve but in a different way. We can have greater movement in midfield and with younger legs we can be more competitive. And in players like Anderton and Steve McManaman we have the means to run at opponents and unsettle them.

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We will miss his influence in the dressing-room. Scotland have a similar situation now that Craig Brown has decided not to take Ally McCoist to France. Ally is probably the best player I have ever been around in a dressing room. He was the life and soul of the place and when you are away with a group of players for a long period of time it is vital to have those sort of guys who can keep the atmosphere vibrant. But we've always been a nation that pulls together and in tournaments like this, players we perhaps weren't expecting to grab our attention come to the fore both on and off the pitch.

No place for mavericks in this age of team men

Pat Nevin, the Scotland international, ponders the passing of the prima donna, the entertainer who plays to the crowd

JUST about every country has at least one, others are blessed (or cursed) with a few. Scotland can lay claim to Duncan Fer- would even bother to work guson as their maverick, England had Paul Gascoigne and Matthew Le Tissier. The Jack Charlton when he took French can boast David Ginola, while over the years the Dutch have managed to produce teams full of them.

From Northern Ireland's super maverick, George Best, to the Brazilian Rai, these most individual of individuals have Nothing personal, they were obliged managers to try various methods of coping with them. The problem for the men in a huge amount of stick at the charge is that any football fan with the most basic knowledge can see that, usually, these players possess more raw talent than most of the rest of the team put together.

greatest managers have failed his national team. "If he would to help these mavericks to max- have made himself available he imise their potential and produce more than just sporadic circumstances," he said. moments of brilliance. Leaving Gazza out of England's squad for the World Cup finals in France at the last moment, simply signalled that Glenn Hoddle had finally run out of patience.

Even Sir Matt Busby could only keep George Best at the top for a mere seven or eight years, a criminal waste, and Jock the team ethic. Stein acknowledged the difficulty of keeping such talented players at their peak and making their optimum contribution to the team. He said of Jimmy Johnstone: "My greatest achievement in football was to keep that wee man playing football five years longer than he otherwise would have."

In an era when the game was less professional, there was a wider margin for error and defeat didn't have a crippling financial cost, a team could carry the occasional prima donna who appeared to play more for himself than for the team. Now that there is less scope for teams to take chances, particularly at international level, the role of the maverick has been marginalised almost to the point of extinction.

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as Scotland's manager, deals with these players - indeed if he

was at pains to stress that he is not dismissive of Duncan Fer-However, even some of the guson's potential contribution to

players available that have

Brazilian who will be guiding conferences where the biggest Saudi Arabia through France 98, has explained why the talented team by the less gifted, ageing stalwart Dunga. Rai failed to fol-

Craig Brown told me how he,

But having said that, Brown

players. Even the Brazilians, the

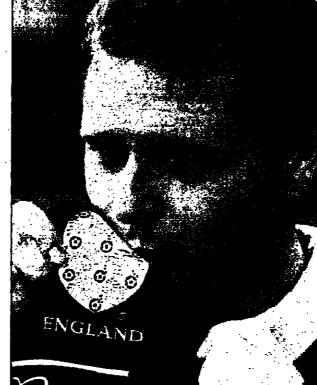
with them at all. "I learned a lot from watching and talking to over the Irish job," Brown said. "[Liam] Brady and [Frank] Stapleton were the top stars but they were bombed out almost immediately because Jack didn't think they were playing the way he wanted them to. fine players, but they weren't fitting into his system. Jack took time but, of course, he did have great success in the end with his methods."

It isn't just the kick and

rush teams having to make the most of the limited number of turned their backs on these champions of style and individualism, have had to accept that talent needs to be allied to

Carlos Alberto Parreira, the











Rebels without applause: (clockwise from top left) Scotland's Duncan Ferguson; England's Paul Gascoigne; Ireland's Liam Brady; France's David Ginola and Eric Cantona; and Brazil's Rai

team and the country. Nowadays, there are even names in world football discuss how, and indeed if, hot-shot into a team. The leading coaches are more and more coming ladder they go.

Rai was replaced in Brazil's mavericks can be integrated ating Top Flight Teams". "The low tactical orders precisely, round to the idea that the live together as a unit because whereas Dunga appreciated his breed's failures far outnumber they knew that up there if you

One of his biggest influences on thinking in this area has been Hilary Owen, of the Red Arrows, through his book "Cregroup dynamics were explained in wonderful detail. They had to

workrate and overall respect for true importance in relation the their successes the higher up the didn't trust your team mates you. It is amazing that Glenn Hod-right for these part games, I had no chance. Hot shot or not, it was at least as important to be bit part. a good colleague as it was to be

a good flyer. Many now think that the best way to employ a maverick is as to play second fiddle. I recall a substitute, a wild card to be one swaggering star commentthrown on either in a crisis or ing after his international debut, down for a game the first thing to try to break a stalemate be- which happened to be a they want to know is who is the tween two well matched outfits. friendly: "I can't get my head star, who is the one player ca-

dle is not even giving Gazza this

The problem, of course, is that these maestros don't usually take kindly to being asked

need the real thing.

Because of the modern approach to such players, this World Cup will see fewer of the "entertainers" than previous tor, journalist or fan settles

never get over." Trevor Steven, another for-mer Rangers colleague.

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"It's the right decision, but what has amazed
me is that England have carried him for so
long. His attitude has been wrong and his behaviour over several years has to be questioned. Hoddle should have dumped him a
while ago." Towany Docherty, former Manchester I limital manager.

"Don't write Gazza off. He'll be more deter-mined than ever to prove he's still got it in him." Chris Waddie, former England and Totten-

Guy Hodgson

chester United manager

like Gazza, on his sofa at home. ones have. As each commenta- All we are left to wonder at this time is the magnificent, Balkan belligerence of the ageing Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov or his Romanian counterpart, Gheorghe Hagi. So while we may pine for the

pable of that moment of genius

which will raise people out of

their seats? The problem is, that

player is likely to be sitting down

himself, either on the bench or,

unpredictable excesses of Gascoigne, the indolent individualism of Le Tissier or the Gallic strut of a new Eric Cantona, the coaches will not miss them quite as much. Unless, of course, the player in question is as good as the king of them all, Diego Maradona. Then he doesn't need a team, he can win a World Cup almost singlehandedly, as England know to

Was Hoddle right to send Gascoigne home? A nation divided by the extrovert England midfielder's early exit...

"There is no reaction." Buckingham Palace "My feeting is it's the right decision. I expect the English team to do even better now." Tony Banks, Sports Minister.

"We are not surprised, many sportsmen say that smoking affects their performance. Our offer of a personal smoking ceasation councilor for Gazza remains open if he would like help." Quit, smokers' hotime. "If held had one of our leebebs, held have made the squad." Salamis takeaway restaurant, east London.

"He's devestated. He thought he'd earned his place over 10 years, not the last four weeks. "I empathise with Glenn Hoddle, having had place over 10 years, not the last four weeks.

Nobody expected this... people are gutted, totally gutted. Chris Evans, OJ and friend. "The most sensational story to hit English foot-ball in years," Boro Livewire, Middlesbrough's clubcall, playing the matter down. "Ye got a ticket for the World Cup and I'm seriously thinking of not going." Caller to Radio Five Live.

"He's been trying to burn the candle at both ends, allowing his social life to affect his football. I don't have much sympathy, he's brought it on himself." Brush manufacturers Brushes North West.

proof of his judgement will be in England's results." Mike Atherton, former England cricket captain. "Hels only just turned 3t. He's got plenty of footbell left in him." Bryan Robson, Mid-

desbrough manager.
"It's a brave decision, a hard one, but you have to say that the manager in that environment knows better than anybody." Bobby Gould, Wales manager.

"All the [Welsh] players are amazed. None of us expected it. Maybe if it had been done ear-lier, [Matt] Le Tissier might have still been in-

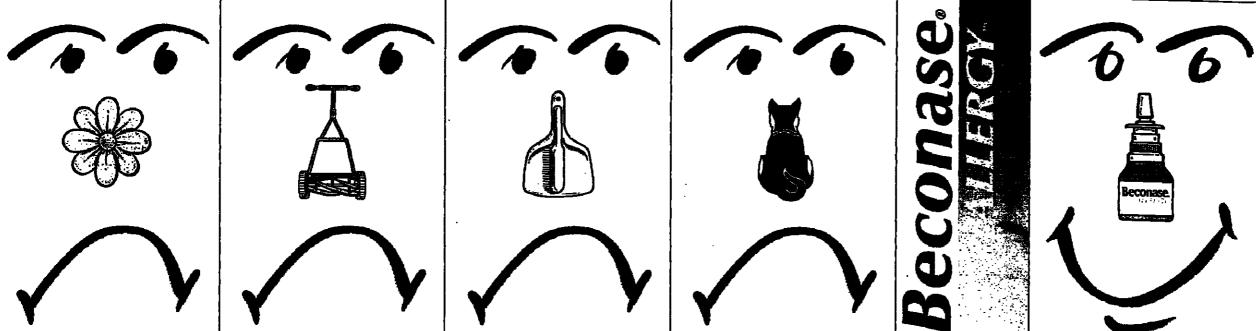
"Hoddle was going to get slaughtered what-ever he did. Take Gazza and people would have complained. Now he's not taking him and people will also question what he's done." Dean Saunders, Wales striker.

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"Knowing Gazza, as I do, he'il be gutted. To say he'il be devastated and heartbroken is an understatement because he loves playing for England." Stuart McCall, former Rangers

"I don't agree with Glenn's decision, and I can't see that his fitness can be used as a major reort agree with derind decision, and reart see that his fitness can be used as a major influence for leaving him out. There are oth-er players who are equally unfit who are go-ing to France. It is something perhaps he will





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Sir John Hall's final depar-

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Sir John made his ultimately unexpected departure without passing comment. He was out of the country yesterday, on holiday yesterday with his wife. Lady Mae. Only two weeks ago, he said he had arranged a mid-summer "think tank" involving all heads of department at St James' Park, including the team manager, Kenny Dalglish. But Alastair Wilson, Newcastle's public relations director, said last night:

When Sir John came back in March, he said he would stay until the end of May and that's exactly what has happened." The resignations last week of Sir Terrence and John Mayo.

another non-excutive director of Newcastle United plc, were understood to be in protest at plans for Douglas Hall and Shepherd to return to the club board. As Sir John's son happens to own 57 per cent of the shares, that would still seem likely - though probably with Denis Cassidy, the one remaining plc director, as overall

In the meantime, Dalglish continues his squad-building mission. His latest targets are the midfielder Olivier Dacourt and the striker Gérald Baticle, both of Strasbourg.

months later, Haynes, now 62 Stan Ternent, who resigned as Bury's manager yesterday, is expected to be named as Burnley's new manager today.



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England's line-up in the 3-1 defeat by Brazil: Back row (left to right): Jimmy Armfield, Ron Flowers, Ron Springett, Maurice Norman, Bobby Charlton, Bobby Moore; Front row (left to right): Bryan Douglas, Jimmy Greaves, Johnny Haynes, Ray Wilson, Gerry Hitchens Photograph: Popperfoto



ENGLAND AT THE **WORLD CUP**

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team that attacked Arsenal outside a restaurant - Argentina (giving a hint of things to come) soon revealed the darker side of their nature, playing brutally

off against Celtic, and the Lazio about to meet up again with didn't help when fewer than their old tormentors, Hungary. 3,000 spectators showed up. I'd Again they lost, not by the played in front of bigger crushing scores of 1953 and 1954, just 2-1 this time, but serves."

crowds as a boy in Fulham's re-

ping the unstoppable?" Haynes said. "Walter [Winterbottom] talked a lot about possible

match on his own."

gentina behaved themselves,

called many years later.

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gerous then as Roberto Carlos's are now. To no avail. Garrincha

their coach had for Winterbottom after attending a course at scored twice, in the 31st and 59th minutes (England had When Argentina failed to drawn level in he 39th when qualify from the group Loren-Jimmy Greaves's shot rezo told me that he was frightened bounded from the bar to Gerto go home," Winterbottom rery Hitchens) and finished off England shortly after half-time A 3-1 victory and later a 0-0 with a rocket free-kick that draw against Bulgaria, with went from Ron Springett's fin-

both teams needing only one gers to Vava. point to go through, had altered Having already announced the perception of England's his retirement as manager, hopchances, but Brazil were waiting to succeed Stanley Rous as ing for them. "It was a relief to FA secretary - a role for which discover that Pele was still inhe was eminently suitable but denied him by muddled thinkjured fout of the finals entireing - Winterbottom wondered ly with a groin injury]," Haynes if England would ever be up to said. "On the other hand we were up against Garrincha, who the task of winning a World was also capable of winning a

"Garrincha's free-kick em-Crippled from birth, his phasised our naïvety," he said. chairman, and perhaps with egs howed in parallel, barely "Players standing around in- chief executive Freddie Fletchliterate, Garrincha would die stead of causing a commotion er as nominal head of the footprematurely, ending up as a when Brazil altered the position ball club board. poverty stricken alcoholic, but of the ball so that Garrincha 1962 saw the glorious flowercould get a clearer sight of goal. It's the way we've been ing of his outrageous gifts. "How do you set about stopbrought up but not the way to

win World Cup matches." Injured in a car crash three and living in Edinburgh, had turned out for the last time in England's colours.

clearly enough to undermine It was no time to be facing ways of dealing with Garrincha confidence. "We didn't get go- Argentina. In fact, England and warned especially about his Lorenzo - who would be in inside-left, Eschmann, were in charge of Atletico Madrid when against Bulgaria. hospital with broken legs. Bul-Meanwhile, England were ing," Haynes said, "and it were transformed and Ar- free-kicks which were as danthree of their players were sent garia had lost their centre-for-Blanc worries about French fitness as Yorke jolts Jamaica

By Rupert Metcalf

WITH just eight days to go before the World Cup finals start, alarm bells are starting to ring about the fitness of the hosts, the French national team.

The defender Laurent Blanc said he feared his team-mates were tired and losing the ability to dominate opponents with the sheer force of their physical presence. He added he was worned by the performances at

last week's King Hassan tour- all we've done physically up unnament in Morocco, particularly til now will pay," he said. the match against the hosts,

Garrincha

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UNCAPPED, pedestrian, not ward, Histor, and outside-right,

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Four players had been sent

off, two, David and Ferrini of

Italy, by the liford schoolmas-

ter Ken Aston (later described

as a man among boys and a boy

amongmen). A headline in the

Santiago newspaper, Claron, said, "World War".

Summoned to appear before

the World Cup Organising

Committee, the 16 managers

were warned that further rough

play could result in expulsion

from the tournament. "We

weren't involved but I'd never

known anything like it," Haynes

said, "never been more glad to

ing a large Stockholm hotel as

England's headquarters, Walter

Winterbottom had accepted an

invitation from the American-

owned Braden Copper Com-

pany to pitch camp at Coya, a

small settlement perched at

2,500 feet in the Andes and an

hour's drive from Rancagua,

where group games against Hungary, Argentina and Bul-

"Living two to a bungalow

and cooked for by an Englishwoman, the players had no

complaints about their quarters.

"We were well looked after,"

Haynes recalled, "but bore-

no time for play-offs and re-

was set by the organising com-

mittee's decision that goal av-

erage should count in the first

phase and if teams were still lev-

el their fate would be settled by

drawing lots. "It meant that no-

body took risks." Haynes re-

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Coached by Juan Carlos

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fer Jones recalls the finals which

I have amid broken legs and the

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up to much in the air, suspect stands - how could England

select young Bobby Moore of

West Ham for the 1962 World

Cup finals in Chile? They did.

launching a celebrated in-

ternational career: 108 caps

and Pele's accolade, "the best

an afterthought, Moore, then

21, could scarcely have expect-

ed to be in the frame, but nev-

er looked back after selection

for England's final warm-up

Moore's emergence, his first

international steps taken as an

all-purpose wing-half not as

the uncannily perceptive central

defender he would soon be-

come, was England's one plus

from a World Cup that Johnny

Havnes remembers in one word

By then England's captain

was finding international foot-

ball less enjoyable. Taking

Brazil's example from 1958 of

4-2-4 (often made 4-3-3 by their

industrious outside-left Mario

Zagallo) many coaches had

gone to the flat defence that

made it more difficult for

Haynes and others of his type

to switch play and create open-

ings with long through passes.

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tiago, Arica, Vin del Mar and

Rancagua, came reports of bad

temper and serious injury. Less

than a week after the opening

match it was announced that

there had already been more

than 40 casualties among the 16

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game against Peru in Lima.

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which finished in a 2-2 draw. "The French team has a quality which is to be able to raise their physical level to stiffle their opponents," Blanc said. "Against Morocco we

didn't have this capacity." Blanc added he was concerned that the hard work done in the French training camp has left the team drained. "I hope

"The three matches in the first round of the World Cup will be identical [to the Morocco match]. The teams are going to play against us to the death."

The French coach, Aimé Jacquet, did not seem worried. though. "In a week, a decisive week for closing the gaps, everything should come together," he said. His side play their last warm-up in Finland on Friday.

Aston Villa's Dwight Yorke sociled a World Cup send-off for the Jamaican national team by scoring two second-half goals to give a Caribbean all-star side a

2-1 victory on Sunday. Chelsea's Frank Sinclair had given Jamaica a 1-0 lead in the 34th minute with a fine individual goal, but Yorke struck with goals in the 62nd and 65th minutes to dampen the enthusiasm of the 38,624 crowd at Giants Stadium in New Jersey.

Yugoslavia's coach, Slobodan Santrac, caused a surprise yesterday when he dropped two regular internationals, the defender Albert Nadj and the forward Anto Drobnjak of the French champions, Lens.

Savo Milosevic, recently sold Wednesday striker Darko Kovacevic, now also in Spain with Real Sociedad, have been preferred up front in the Yugoslav

squad to Drobnjak. The former Kilmarnock man, Dragoje Lekovic, is likely to be the firstchoice goalkeeper.

Croatia's coach, Miroslav Blazevic, has delayed naming his squad until just before today's deadline, as several key players by Aston Villa to Real Zara- are recovering from injuries. goza, and the former Sheffield Doubts about the fitness of the wing-back Robert Jarni, the full-back Stjepan Tomas and the midfielder Mario Stanic prompted Blazevic to hold back.

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Basketball NBA Play-offs: Easters Conference sturi-fi-nat: Chicago 88 Indiana 83 (Chicago win best-of-seven series 4-9).

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Football

Coventry City have lost out to Benfi-ca in the race to sign the 21-year-old PSV Eindhoven winger Boudewijn Zenden, who is in the Netherlands' World Cup squad. The Rangers midfielder Stuart McCall is returning to Bradford City the club is returning to Bradford City, the club where he started his career, on a timeyear contract worth a reported 11m. The Queen's Park Rangers striker lain Dowle will captain Northern Ireland in tomorrow's friendly against Spain in

The Nottingham Forest trio Ian Woan, Ian Moore and Dave Beasant are all due in hospital for routine knee op-erations over the next few weeks. Steve McMahon, the Swindon man-ager, will complete his third summer signing in two weeks time when the goalkeeper Jimmy Glass completes a tree transfer from Bournathouth after

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Olympic Games The international Olympic Committee will be athletes who use so-called social drugs" such as cannabis at the Sydney 2000 Games. Rugby League

Hull Sharks have signed Wigan War-riors' scrum-half Craig Murdock on a month's Iqan. The Bradford Bulls centre Danny Pee-cock will miss the rest of the season after suffering cruciate ligament dam-AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RUGEY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP Round 12: Sydney CEV 4 Newcaste 20: Pendin 28 North Gueensland 36; Malbourne 68 Gold Coest 8; Carberts 24 Bris-

bane 18; Canterbury 28 Merly 2; Disker South Sydney 12; Wests 38 Adeleide 24. Rugby Union

Scotland take on a New South Wales Country XV at Bethurst today without their flanker Simon Holmes, who was has been suffering from the strained ankle he sustained in the first leg of the Allied Dunber play-off game between his club, London Scotlish, and Bristol. Adam Rosburgh will play at openside flanker with Shiert Reld combing on to the bench coming on to the bench.

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Other sports TENNIS: Surrey Grass Court Championships (Burbiton).

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Gascoigne discarded 'purely on fitness'

Football By Glenn Moore in La Manga, Spain

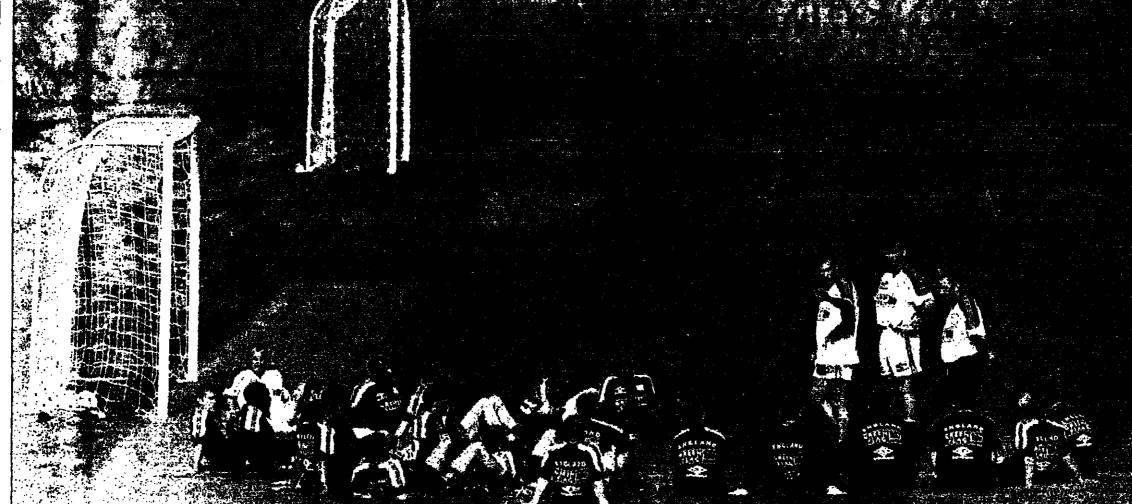
WITH his mirror shades and steely jaw Glenn Hoddle looked every inch the assassin yesterday as he coldly described, on the sun-drenched terrace of the Principe Felipe Hotel, why he had eliminated Paul Gascoigne from his World Cup 22. Facing a phalanx of television cameras, he insisted the decision was based purely on fitness. He needed players who could give him 90 minutes - and Gascoigne could not.

Afterwards, in a small room inside the hotel, with his sunglasses off but guard still up, he described the personal sadness he felt that Gascoigne had not responded to his backing. "I went out on a limb for him." said the England coach, "I tried so many times to make him see what he needed to do, at the age of 31, to deal with the modern game. It is very sad, we'll miss

Inevitably rumours have been flourishing as fast as the irrigated grass on the fairways of this artificial golf resort but Hoddle insisted it was purely a football decision. One suggestion, well-sourced, is that Gascoigne got drunk on Saturday night when the team had a social evening in the hotel bar. Another is that he was drinking beer on the golf course.

"I allowed them to have a drink on Saturday night but it Hoddie. "No one got drunk. They've worked hard and deserved it. We had some music, some karaoke, but the staff were there. It was controlled, As for the golf, I didn't play golf with him.'

game, Hoddle had said Gas-



The England coach, Glenn Hoddle, points out what he expects from his pared down World Cup squad of 22 before their final training session in La Manga, Spain, yesterday

Photograph: Allsport

coigne still had enough time to get sharp, now he said that was no longer the case. What had happened in the interim? "I had time to study the videos and see certainly could have been in betthe game again," said Hoddle. was not a silly drink," said "Those games in Casablanca were nowhere near as intense as the ones in the World Cup will be but he was still not sharp enough to get away from people. In the modern game you need pace, you have to be an athlete. One of the reasons On Friday, after the Belgium he gets so many injuries is that

the squad, but he's not at his best physically or mentally. Physically some of it is self-inflicted. He ter shape when he joined up with the squad. He was out of my jurisdiction in the days before then and could have looked after himself better."

That was the period of kebabgate and the late-night drinking binges with the likes of Chris Evans. Given the stakes, such behaviour was perplexing as well as foolish and Hoddle

added: "Mentally he has always been able to see, ever since he arrived at Bisham Abbey [before the team went to La Manga] that things are not right.

"I considered whether I could take him and bring him on as a substitute but he is not even in shape for that. It takes time to get into a game and we cannot afford 20 minutes while he does that."

Hoddle did offer some solace to Gascoigne when he said: "I'm not saying his Eng-

land career is over. It depends had a few problems and I have how he handles it. A fully fit Gascoigne, playing in the Premiership for Middlesbrough next season, would be in contention for a place."

> Gascoigne made the right start at least, spending the day with his estranged wife Sheryl, and son Regan, at a health spa in Hertfordshire. Like the other dropped players he will be on informal stand-by until 9 June in case one of the 22 gets injured.

Of the others, Hoddle had

Dublin. "That was the toughest decision. It was between him and Les Ferdinand and, with Ian Wright out, I wanted Les's extra pace. Dion was so close but Les has done remarkably well to get himself fit.

"Andy Hinchcliffe was injured and I didn't think Phil Neville was in the right form. We have been working intensively on other options on the left. Darren Anderton has played there, for instance."

Anderton, however, may the greatest sympathy for Dion play a more pivotal role. "As far come the proper sweeper and

could be a major asset," said Hoddle, "I had to push him to the limit here, in training and That is for the future. Yesin matches, and his [previous-

the team last night, was particularly pleased to have been able to include Rio Ferdinand. "We've asked him to im-

ly injured] leg has stood up

prove on his defending and he's worked very hard on it. In time he might be able to be-

back as a year ago I felt he allow me to play a system I've been looking to do for some

> terday the attention remained fixed on the star of England's past. "He still has a lot ahead of him as a player," added Hoddle of Gascoigne.

Time will tell. This could be the shock that will force Gascoigne to look in the mirror, like Tony Adams and Paul Merson before him, admit he is at rock bottom and start a new life. Or it could be the end of him.

"In the past a team could carry

the odd prima donna who

appeared to play more for



IT ENDED as it had begun, in tears. And then, as so often in Paul Gascoigne's career, it got messy. Gascoigne, according to leaks from within the England camp, reacted to his axing make you great again." from the World Cup squad by locking himself in his room in of other players were England able to coax him out, and then put him on a plane back to Eng-

When Gascoigne was called, early Sunday evening, A subdued Gazza yesterday into the hotel room England's

coaching staff had been using for their planning, he expected to hear the usual pep-talk from the England coach, Glenn Hoddle - "You should be doing better, but I still believe in you, together we can

Instead Hoddle dropped the bombshell. He had had enough, chances, he was not going to Gascoigne was stunned.

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There were tears in his eyes and he was very disappointed but he did not get abusive," Hoddle said. "It was not an en-

Paul it was a matter of two to three minutes.

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"There was no point in discussing anything else with him, such as what he should do next, or to tell him that he still then went to his room where he was consoled by some of his friends in the squad."

Gascoigne's first reaction was to telephone his estranged wife, Sheryl, whose Hertfordshire home he went to when he

joyable job. With some players arrived back in England on I had quite a long chat but with Sunday night. Then he is understood to have locked himself in his room.

Eventually, midfielder Paul Ince and goalkeeper David Seaman talked him into letting them in before they helped had a future with England. him out to the bus which was difficult one for all con-He was not going to take any- waiting to ferry him, and the cerned," Hoddle added. "But

Hoddle, asked if Gascoigne's behaviour amounted port about an earthquake in to a tantrum, replied: "Not Afghanistan in which thounecessarily. He reacted as I expected."

Of the other five, the Man-perspective."

Neville was the worst affected. "He was also in tears," Hoddle said. "He was so cut up he was unable to speak." His brother, Gary, consoled

"It was a strange day and a Gorman's room and there, on the television, was a news resplitting passes." sands of people had been killed. It put everything into

Gascoigne looked short offull fitness and was unable to do the things that make him the player he is. He is a sublime talent and but if you are less than fully fit then not even an individual with Gascolone's ability can go past people or initiate those defence-

himself than the team. Now that there is less scope for teams to take chances, particularly at international level, the role of the maverick has been marginalised almost to the police

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of extinction." Pat Nevin and Ray Wilkins, who will be joining The Independent's

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Kournikova exits as she fails to get break

Tennís By John Roberts in Paris

TO pee, or not to pee. That was the question as the French Open turned into Clochemerle revisited yesterday. Lavatory breaks became a major issue dividing athletes and administrators; or at least one bathroom break denied to Anna Kournikova.

The 16-year-old Russian was defeated by Jana Novotna, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, in a match delayed overnight with the Czech No 3 seed leading 4-2 in the final set. Novoma required only 14 minutes to complete a victory which took her into a quarter-final meeting with Monica Seles today.

For Kournikova, that was the least of the story. She still could not understand why she had been refused permission to go to the bathroom after making an unsuccessful appeal against bad light during a changeover at 1-4 the night before.

"It was the first time ever in

a match that I had to go to the bathroom, so it was something very new for me," Kournikova said. "In the rule book you can see that a player has a right to take a bathroom break twice. It doesn't matter if it's in the you come on the court and start warming up, you can go to the bathroom. It doesn't matter if it's after one minute or two hours. We played an hour and

40-something minutes." The International Tennis bathroom break may be taken cial who famously came into when necessary, but preferably conflict with Jeff Tarango and at the end of a game or on a his wife, Benedicte, while umchangeover. The break may not exceed five minutes, except when taken on a changeover, in which case the player receives

an additional 90 seconds." A spokesman for the Women's Tennis Association Tour said the rule depended on the referee's interpretation of ed at one set all (Majoli won yes-"necessary", and in this case the referee did not consider it was necessary for Kournikova to go to the bathrooom. "The request was denied as the change of ends was almost over. Tournament officials felt the toilet break should have been requested at the beginning of

the change of ends." Asked during her press conference if she really needed to go to the bathroom or was trying to stall until the light got darker, Kournikova said, "No. Like I said, it was the first time ever I had to go to the bathroom. I think I have a right to go the bathroom. It doesn't matter what I was doing."

Novotna took a pragmatic view. "If the rules are there and you know how to use them, why not?" she said. "You have to do everything you can to win the match. If you can use the rules middle of the point. Even when at the right time, that's the way tennis now is," Kournikova, visibly upset,

was able to win her service game for 2-4, at which point Novotna successfully appealed against the light. The decision Federation's rules state that, "A eree, Bruno Rebeuh, the offi- Stoftenberg, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

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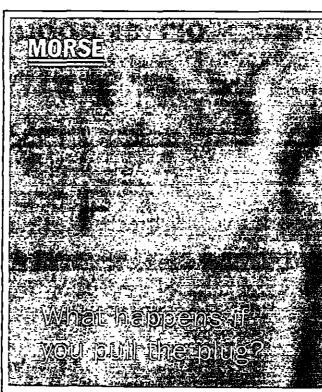
Although John Frame, of Britain, umpired the Novotna-Kournikova match, Rebeuh was at the courtside. Another fourth round match, between Iva Majoli, the bolder, and Conchita Martinez, had already been halt-

terday, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3). "I think the match with Majoli and Martinez was called off nearly an hour before out match finished," Kournikova said. "We finished at 9.28. It was pretty dark, but they said it was darker over there, a hundred yards away."

Asked if she had visited the bathroom after her match, Koumikova said, "No, I was holding it until today. Now, every time I go to the bathroom I should ask the WTA, 'Can I

go to the bathroom, please?" Kournikova spent part of her afternoon sitting beside the great Brazilian footballer Ronaldo watching her Russian compatriot Marat Safin play Cedric Pioline, last year's runner-up at Wimbledon. Pioline started a French frenzy of delight by winning, 7-5, 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. He will now play Hicham Arazi, of Morocco.

Arazi advanced with 6-2, 6-, 3-6, 6-3 win against Spain's Alberto Berasategui. Filip Dewulf, of Belgium, a semi-finalist last year, beat Spain's Francisco Clavet, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1 while Alex Corretia, the No 14 was taken by the assistant ref- seed, defeated Australia's Jason



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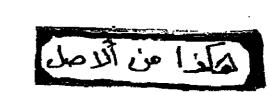
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